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NEW AND SECOND Booke of FALCONRY;

concerning the ordering and trai-
ning vp of all such HAWKES as was omitted
or left unmentioned in his printed Booke of the
HAGGARD FALCON and GERFALCON,
namely, the *Goshawke* and *Tassell*, with the *Sparhawk*,
the *Lanner* and *Lanneret*, as they are diuided in their
generation: the *Hobby* and *Martyn* in their kindes:
Teaching approued Medicines for all such
infirmities and diseases as are inci-
dent to them.

I Published for the delight of Noble mindes, and
instruction of yong Falconers in all things per-
taining to this Art.



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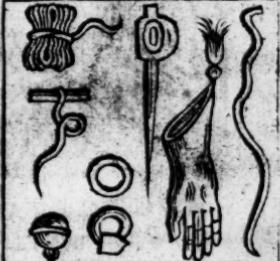
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НОДИОУА

To the right VVorshipfull and

Noble-minded Gentleman S^r Patrick Hume Knight,

M^r Falconer to the Kings most excellente Maiesie:

S. L. wisheth all increase of Honors in this life,
and eternall happiness in the world
to come.

WORTHY SIR:

*He wings of my vnder-
seruing Muse (impro-
ued on with the good o-
pinion of her Patron).
beretofore presumed to
soare Hawke-hie ; yet as then I speake
particular: but now (as well for the pro-
pagation of the noble sport, as for the
explanation of the effects of nature) I
presume to dedicate to your noble Judg-
ment in that sport, a generalitie of defi-
nitions in Hawks, both in Names &
Natures : the perfection of my paines
(like a Diamond set in gold) rests in
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the truth of your opinion. And as in the naturall motion of the beauens, the greater circumference euer moues the lesser; so (I make no question) if your deserving judgement giue me approbation, all other censures will consequently leuile with your Ayme: I so far tooke acquaintance of presumption to chuse you for my Patron, being assured your Judgement will giue a more luster to my labours. Vertue f doe make my Mistris; and finding her keepe open house in your addicted inclination; I thought no toyle laborious to attain rest in such a harbor. Ff your charitie refuse to patronize this poore expression of a well wisher, f wish it had been still borne: but my hope is, your noble N a-
sure will both giue it life, and nourish it; for which I shall euer rest,

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Not more deuoted then
indebted to your vertue,

S. L.



To the Courte- ous Reader.



I is now soure yeeres
past (gentle Rea-
der) since importu-
ned by some of my
speciall friends, I
ooke vpon me in sa-
tisfaction of their
earnest request, to

write my first Booke of the Haggart Falcon
Gentle; for which they then shewed me many
lykelyhoods and reasons how much the same
migt profit ; and how well of diuers sorts of
people, especially of yong men and learners, the

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labour might be accepted. Neuerthelesse, by aduertisement of the Printers, and also through the report of others, I haue understood the contrarie; and that being but as it were abooke in particular, treating of on Hawke, it was refused and slightly accounted of by many; whose wils and affections were formerly fixed on other subiects. For which cause I haue here, although vnskillfully and vnwisely, undertaken a course quite contrarie to my owne disposition, and altogether disagreeing with my former will and affection; as vnto things for the most part of little or no deserving, to prescribe rules of Art, words of praise and commendation. Yet on the former considerations, as also at the earnest suete and reimportunitie of my friends, I doe intend to perseuer in my purpose, and in a shorte Treatise once againe to lay downe a Hawke, not as the onely subiect of my professed Art, but a worke of my deuice. Andtbe Gothawke is shee, the which I am determined to speake of, with shew and declaration of her properties and nature; and generally of all such other Hawks as were omitted, and are amongst

to the Reader.

amongst vs ordinary at this present day, name-
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their kindes, the Hobby, and the marlin;
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pertaining to the Ladie. But first, I purpose to
begin with the Ostringer himselfe, and with
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awe they haue of the man, and fearfullnesse a-
bove all other creatures. Secondly, of the Spa-
nyell, and the societie there ought to bee be-
tweene the man, the Hawke, and himselfe.
Thirdly, with directions to the Otringer,
and instructions to the nouice. Fourthly, of
the difference in the manner of flying of the
Goshawke compared with the longwinged
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dering and gouerning of her keeper. And last-
ly, how the best and skilfullest Ostringer

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ought to soyne both care .and continuall
attendance with his best skill and knowl-
edge, to preserue his Hawkes health and
life withall,

An acknowledgment of the Au-
thors loue and thankefullnesse to his
first Maister and founder.

And furthermore, let mee condemne
my selfe of former forgetfulnesse, and
not bee vnmindfull againe of the
right worshipfull maister Henrie Sadler of
Euerly, who was my first and louing maister,
and from whom I had my art and understand-
ing kindly shewed mee, obscuring no
rules or skill from mee, wherein hee was no
thing inferior then to any gentleman what-
ever of his reputation or reckoning. Hee, I
confesse, it was that taught mee the way to
live, although I had had no other meanes:
for

to the Reader.

For which, in all loue and thankefullnesse,
I submit my selfe vnto him, and (if he be
yet liuing) ought also dayly to pray for
him, so long as it shall please God to alott
him time in this world.



In commendation of the Au- thor and his Booke.

Nature a Table of delightfull cates,
Hath richly furnish'd out for all estates.
He is a sullen guest, that when he may
Feed at his choyce, hungrie departs away.
Hawking is one faire Dish, if rich men would
Vie it, not as they doe, but as they shoule.
But because circumstancies make or marre
Pleasure, that in themselues indifferent are:
Wrōg not your selues in that which you allow;—
Which to obserue you may heere studie how.
Consult it, practise it: and so you shall (withal
Well man your *Hawkes*, manage your selues
Neuer hath English man in publike sorte
Giuen fairer orders for so noble sport:

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new, and second Booke of
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CHAP. I.

Of the Goshawke compared with other Fowles of
the aire, as they are unreclaimed and wilde; and of
the awe and fearefullnesse they haue of man
aboue all other creatures.



Any an Osteringer accounts
that so soone as he hath reclai-
med his Hawke, taught her to
draw and come againe to his
fist, that euen so soone he may
presume and bee bold to goe
with her to the field or couert, and make her doe
his will; but it is not so. And he, whatsoeuer he
be

be that so thinketh, shall be deceiued in his expectation: for I haue knowne my selfe diuers and sundrie of the best mettelled *Hawkes*, with that slight and and simple conceit to haue beene vtterly spoiled, euuen quickly, and for euer beaten out of loue with their Keeper, his Spaniels, and the game hee hath stolne and entered them first vnto; which shall hereafter more plainlye appeare, and be proued vnto you.

First, you are to vnderstand, that all *Hawkes* whatsoeuer in their owne nature and kinde, doe of all other creatures, that God hath made and framed to perfection, most dread and feare the man. As for example, do but obserue the wilde *Hauke*, or other *Fowles* that are bred in strange or forren Countries, where as few or no people be; let those birds that comes at passage into these parts or other places, and in their owne desires being moued thereunto, doe offer to fall or light where as diuers and sundrie sorts of beastes or cattell be, yet without much timerie or fearefullnesse, they will very often and amongst them all euuen make their stay: on the contrary part, whensoeuer they doe but fixe their eyes on one mas very proportio, they wil not abide; no, they will hardly by any art, with stale annexed thereunto, be drawne or tempted to stoope within his view: which strange behauour of theirs doth manifestly proue, and shew how timerous and dreadfull they be of him. Therefore if he doe couet to haue, or will haue one or any of those

those kinde of wilde *Creatures* to be at his command and familiar with him, that by nature and kinde are altogether shye and fearefull of him; he must first when he hath them, draw and win them by his continuall louing and curteous behauour towards them, in his art and outward manner of dealing with them. For of all *Hawkes* in the world (the *Goshawke*) as shee is a stately and braue bird to behold; so is shee also as coy, nice, and curious to be handled and dealt withall. And will as soone obserue and vnkindly except against any rough or harsh behauour from the man, towards her: on the contrarie, being artificially and kindly reclaimed and vsed, shee will be as louing and fond of her Keeper, as any other *Hawke* whatsoeuer.

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*Of the Spaniel, and the societie there ought to
bee betweene the man, the Hawke,
and himselfe.*

THe *spaniel* is so kind a creature, that of all other, the man doth most respect & chuse to attend & wait vpō him every where, as well at home in his chamber, as at his table & trencher. And further, for his delight abroad in al other places, so wel hee doth accept & account of his company: & truly no maruell why; but that he should be of him so well esteemed

*Of the Spa-
niell.*

med and delighted in. For it hath been affirmed of him for veritie, that if in the night-time there hath beeene or shoulde bee, any euill thing neere vnto his master, whom hee doth waite on, although hee is not bound or tied vnto him, but might therefore take to his feete and runne quite from him, yet otherwise he will be so exceeding fond in his loue towards him, as that instead of that, he will stay still with him, and with lamentable mone and whining, will euen creepe and crawl about his legs to giue him warning. Furthermore, if in the day-time any euill fall through tempest of thunder, lightning, or any other euill blast, the poore loving *Spanyel* is sure of it to taste, to set his master free. And therefore of all other creatures, I hold him in his owne nature and kindly loue, to bee most neare familiar and in true subiection with the man, euer desirous to be with him, and heuer willing to be absent, or out of the way from him, but still watchfull and diligent to doe him seruice. So likewise, of all other things, the *Hawke* in her owne inclination doth as much feare, and is terrified at the sight of him, hee being one so neere as in continual society or company keeping with the man. Wherefore it behoueth every one that loueth and desireth to keepe the *Gosbawke*, to be so carefull, that by his arte and best indeuour, hee doo frame and fashion, as it were, a league of loue and familiar vnitie, betweene them, I meane the *Man*, the *Hawke*, and the *Spanyel*; the which to accom-

accomplish and bring to perfection, I will according to my owne iudgement and vnderstanding hereafter shew you.

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Instructions for the Osteringer to obserue.

 Would haue you vnderstand, that as many a *Falconer* passeth ouer the time he hath with his *Hawke*, & for want of true knowledge & vnderstanding, never finds out that goodnes in her, which in her own nature & disposition she is able to performe. So also oftentimes the *Osteringer* with his *Goshawk* doth spend his time in vaine, for want of the like knowledge & perfect experience in his arte; for there is very few of that kinde, but through skill and painfull practise may be made good: if neither for *Fasant* nor *Partridge*, the which are most mens vsuall delights, yet for some otherthing, whereby her Keeper may bee pleased, and shee her selfe deserue a due reward. For all of them, as they are wilde and vnreclaimed, are able sufficiently to shifte for themselues, and kill sundrie kindes of prey to sustaine their owne wants withall. If that be so, wherefore then should not a skilfull Keeper, by his arte, paines and discretion, cause any of them to doe the like for him?

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dance, shall
never attain
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knowledge.*

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CHAP. IIII.

Of the difference in the manner of flying of the
Gosshawke, compared with the other, which
the Osteringer ought to
observe.



Difference
in their
fights.

LERE is further to be noted, that as in the obseruation of every Falconer, there is much difference in the maner of flying of their longwinged *Hawkes* to be marked: so also is there by the *Osteringer* with his shortwinged *Hawke*, as great a matter to bee obserued: for as some *Falcon* or longwinged *Hawke* being flonie to the field, is as it were, vnable to ouertake the *Partridge* at the first flight on forehead, but is taught by nature, and also enforced further by nurture, to clime and mount aloft vpon the matke, for her better aduantage, and after that manner kill it at the downecome: so on the contrary there is some others, that onely trusteth to their swiftnesse,

nessie, to prey at their will and pleasures on what they listeth. Likewise for the short-winged *Hawkes*, they are as much different in their kind; for the swift and fast flying *Hawke* doth master her prey, when shee is disposed, and forceth it to yeeld through the swiftnes of her main wings: contrariwise, the slower flying *Hawke* or flugge doth winne what shee gets most by her policie, wherein being reclaimed, shee ought to bee taught & furthered by the industry & art of her Keeper.

C H A P. V.

*Of the nature of the Goshawk compared with
the Lanner, for her soundnesse and long la-*

*sting; the which dependeth upon the
well ordering and governing
of her Keeper.*

FHe *Goshawk* is a *Hawk* of a hot nature, & stronger constitution then any other *Hawke* that I my selfe haue knowne, of what kind soeuer: for in my obseruatiō she is seldom, or not at al, subiect to be livershot, neither euer to haue the fellāders, both which infirmities are very rife & familiar with our other ordinary *Hawkes*, and also proceeds from much coldnes, the one of the luer, the other of the stomacke; from colde, but of heate from colde: because when the *Hawke* is once livershot, at that time

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*The power
of her natu-
ral heat.*

the liuer is both cold and rotten; which for the most part, first doth proceed of some violent heate taken by extraordinary meanes and euill vsage; and therefore, I say, from immediate and present cold, and of foretaken or former heate. Also, when shee is in the meaneſt and pooreſt estate of her body, what meate ſocuer paſſeth thorow her, is euer conuerted and turned into a liquid and thin ſubſtance; which ſheweth plainly the power of her naturall heate and strength of body, ſo long as life remaineth in her.

*Care in the
Keeper pre-
ſerveth life.*

The *Lanner* and *Lanneret* are accounted hard *Hawkes*, & the very hardieſt of any kind that are ordinary, or in common uſe amongſt vs at this preſent time: for whē ſocuer cōmendations ſhal be by many men giuē of the *Goshawke* or *Tarcel* for their long laſting, or liuing; they will ſimply ſay they bee as hard as the *Lanner*. But that ought not to bee ſo affirmed or beleueed, but with ſome exception, as touching the iudgement and ſkill of their Keeper, to be performed towards them in good rule and order, at al times fitting for them; and then I will ioyne with them, and ſay indeed, they bee found *Hawkes*, and as found and hard of ward as the *Lanner*; for you are to underſtand thus much of her natural inclination, which is, that ſhee is a *Hawke* full of ſtoutnesse and courage, and will not incline her ſelfe, neither be forced to be conformable in any reasonable & meane temper vnto her Keepers will.

will, in the time of her pride and fulnesse; when as shee ought by labour and practise, to bee inseamed and made readie for his purpose, but is and will be frowardly disposed, and prone to vnrulynesse and extreame bating in that season; which is the cause generally that one of them requireth more labour and attendance of her Keeper, then any other *Hawke* whatsoeuer of contrarie kinde: neverthelesse, oftentimes through these extremes, and in those times, they doe haaste and shorten their owne dayes.

*The nature
of the Gos-
hawke.*

Contrariwise, astouching the *Lanner*, for the most part shee is as mecke and gently disposed, and seldom or never will of her owne accord, or through other prouocation bee made to bate, or forced to any extraordinarie vnrulynesse during the time of her inseaming; but will wholly dispose her selfe to quietnesse, and endure all things continually with patience; which is the onely cause, and wherefore those kinde of *Hawkes* by all reason must needs ouer-lift the other.

*The gentle
disposition
of the Lan-
ner.*

Consider now
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C H A P. VI.

Of the shiffull Ostringer, and how he may strengthen his negligence to some destroy and kill his Hawke, as one of more slender judgement.



Ere is the difference in their severall kinds, and it resteth to bee confirmed, as I haue said before; by the skill; and not onely that, but also the care and diligence of their Keeper: for if he be never so good a Falconer or Ostringer, yet may he through negligence and mutabile affections, ofte-times suffer the soundest and hardiest Hawke to decay and perish for want of due attendance.

The fruits
of carelesse-
nesse in the
skilful Kee-
per.

For I haue my selfe beeene acquainted with some speciall Falconers, whom, if I were disposed, I could name, who, of their skill and experience in their art, haue beeene perfectly able first to reclaime, inseame, and make their Hawkes to flyc; and after with great skill and judgement to order and manage them in their flights during that season: but afterwards hauing finished and concluded the same, being returned to their home, would there set them downe, and as it were, vtterly disclaiming all former acquaintance had with them, would there let them some-

sometimes sitte, and other sometimes hang by the heeles, betaking themselves for that day or night wholly, to Tables, Cards, Tobacco, or some other such vaine delights, whereby and through which cause they haue wanted their dues, their dayes haue beene shortened, and their liues euē wilfully hasted on to an end.

CHAP. VII.
Instructions for the yong man from the Mewe.



T is meere the yong man that wants experience shoulde haue such light and ynderstanding shewed him by rules and direction, as that in his first lesson he may bee taught to discerne and know what difference there ought to bee in the dye and manner of feeding, with the order belonging to his *Hawke* in her flying time, as also when shee is in the *Mew*, and during the time of her being there.

Therefore, if shee be a *Hawke* that hath beene formerly alone, and is to be taken from thence, it is like shee will bee fat and full in the highest degree with reft and francke feeding; and there would be great danger in the sudden drawing of

The Mew.

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her, and it is vnusuall with men of any iudgement so to doe: wherefore it is necessarie that shee bee fed in the Mew twice euery day, with cleane drest and washt meat, for the space of sixteen or twenty daies before the intended time of her drawing, to the end shee may be at that time well inseamed of her bodie, and haue scoured forth of her pannell and guts such glot and fatnesse, with other drossie substance, that was ingendred and harbourd there; by means wherof shee will be perfectly freed from any danger that otherwise might haue happened afterward vnto her, through her bating or other forcible motion of bodie, as strugling, striuing, or such like at her drawing, or other times. Then will it be good tyme to take her from the Mew, when as you must haue a rusfer hood in a readinesse very fit for her; from which time forwards she must be continually fed on the fist, after the manner formerly prescribed; also to haue casting e-
very night duely bestowed on her.

This course, with continual cariage on horsebacke and on foote, must bee taken with her in her rusfer hood some eight or ten dayes longer, and then take it off when you shall finde her to be well reclaimed and inseamed, and free from all danger, and ready to be called: and with diligence and paines therein, the next weeke will be as ready to flye; and after two or three flights at her fist entering, may be put eu'en to hard fly-
ing, and shee will receiue no harme thereby, she will.

*Necessary
instruktions.*

will be so perfectly inseamed; whereas otherwise with more haste shee may surfei on heat, or with hard and short feed, lose her flesh, and so be spoi-
led for two whole yeares.

GO SHAWKE.



CHAP. VIII.

*of the Goshawke taken from the Cage, with
other observations for the young
man.*

If shee be newly taken from the Cage, *If shee rest
or those that fetches them from for-
rain and strange Countries, and takes
no more care in their trauell and cari-
age, but only to dispose and deliuer them aliue
heere amongst vs, for their owne benefite and
commodities: There is very few or none of
those*

those *Hawkes* ever so ouerfraught with fatte or fulnesse of bodie, whereby she may take harme with any reasonable or ordinary bating, or stirring on the fist, for that shes bath beene formerly and vsually acquainted with the same in her long and restlesse iourney: wherefore you need not doubt or feare, but euen so soone as your leisure will permit, after you haue her, to begin to practise and deale with her, and by your arte and best endeauour, together with your labour to man and reclaime her after the maner as shall be shewed hereafter; only noting and obseruing by the way these things. First, you are to reclaime and make a wilde *Hawke* and a bird of the ayre, that onely feares you, to become louing and gentle vnto you, and also, as it were, to be sociable and familiar with you. Likewise she being by vnskilfull and carelesse former bad v-sage, with vnnaturall dyet and grosse feeding, suffocated and filled full of vncleanenesse and imperfection; you are through your skill and painefull practise, to purge and cleanse her of those grosse and superfluous humors, and make her a perfect *Hawke*, and readie with fitnessse to be reclaimed, and framed for what purpose soever you intend to make her for.

And that these things may well bee accomplished and brought to perfection without any artificiall medicine or scouring: you shall haue the certaine and sure way deliuered unto you by rule and instruction: yet I know there bee

many

many men otherwise affected, and will hardly be perswaded to be thereto concited. But let them be well aduised, for I speake not by heare-say or imagination, or from any other printed tradition, but by my owne experience and aproued conclusion, as shall appere hereafter; yet I may imagine I should not need to vse many words for perswasion, knowing that many experienced *Offringers* vnderstands the same: and for my owne part I can iustly affirme that I haue kept some few of the kinde, whereof one of them liued with me aboue a dozen yeare, and never had, during that time, any kind of phisick giuen vnto her; and therefore so farre, as out of my owne knowledge I may, I do wish the yong man, that these following directions may be his direct and fested course in the reclaiming, infreaming, and keeping his *Hawke*.

Viue onely a right and good order in her dyet, with sweete meate at all times cleane dressed, and reasonably washed, or according as he shall find her of genke or stubbornie nature; & also a measurable quantitie to bee giuen vnto her so often as hereafter he shall be further instructed: likewise with casting dueley bestowed on her, if he findes her to be sound, and to like of castings of woollen, then let her haue it; but otherwile let it be such as agreeeth best with her owne nature; for there be many right sound *Hawkes* of that kinde, that will on every great gorge, through the long keeping of such woollen castings, much distaste

*Instructions
for the yong
man.*

*The nature
of the sto-
macke.*

distaste them; the hot stench and saour of them wil be so noysome and disagreeing with the stomacke, that workes and striues for the time to digest what it receives into it, vntill it finde, as it were, a certaine contending or vnnatural working against it selfe; & being in nature vanquished and ouercome by the same, it is constrained to yeeld and free it cleerely of it, by restoring or returning it backe to him that gaue it.

And to preuent this loathing, or dislike of this kinde of casting, or any cuill that might ingender or grow therby: I haue many yeares past left off to give any of them to my *Hawke* at the night-time, neither at any time to keepe within her boodie aboue one houre, or two at the most, by my good will. Which course I haue found to be very agreeable with any *Hawke* in health, or in meane estate, and to preuaile as much with her, in scouring or cleansing the place that harbouris or containes it, of all superfluous matter therein contained, to the desired wish or contentment of the beholder: for whose further satisfaction, I will heare briefly make it plaine vnto you.

If you haue read ouer my other booke of *Falconrie*, you may remember, or if you do reade it, there you shall finde, that I haue written and discoursed of Castings sufficiently; and shewed the yong *Falconer*, how hee may at the first making of his *Hawke*, eyther make her thereto loue her casting euer after; or otherwise for want

of

of knowledge cause her euerlastingly to hate the same, or at least awayes to bee nice and vnwilling to take it ; which is one most vile condicⁿ , and doth condemne the Keeper, either in his judgement or carefullnesse, or both ; for the best or skilfullest that is cannot gouerne such an *Hawke* as shee ought to bee. And because I haue writtē so largely before, I wil now briefly let you vnderſtād, that at the first reclaiming & making, is the time to teach her, when as with good meat cleanedressed and washed, and reasonable gorges of the same, with the like time adioyned, you must get her a good stomacke before you proffer her one casting, and then shee will not bee nice or curious to take it ; alwayes being mindefull that it be no more in quantitie, but that she may well and easily swallow ; and then when she hath so done, presently put on her hood, and suddenly give her one bitte or two of meate to please her withall ; then make a little stay, vntill you perceiue assuredly that shee hath put it downe into her pannell, which being perceiued put on her hood againe, and give her a reasonable supper : and this course it is fit should be taken with her continually, as after the receit of her casting, as you haue heard, to let her sit in her hood vntill shee hath put it into her pannell, and you shall see it will not be long before shee will vnderstand what shee should doe ; and in all loue vnto it, will hasten without any nicenesse to take it euen of it selfe, expecting a present re-

The casting

ward after shee hath receiued it ; also otherwise it is very necessary to hold this course. For I haue seene my selfe some men, that before their casting were any whit downe their *Hawkes* throat, would follow her so hastily with meat, that shee hath beeene almost choaked : but howsoeuer, it will oftentimes very much molest her in her putting ouer and imbowelling; the which you way perceiue by her often writhing, and great trouble in trauerling with her necke and whole body.

Disorder in the givere of casting.

On these considerations, after my *Hawke* is well inseamed, and in flying, I faile not, so neere as I can, to giue her plumage every night when I feed her vp : contrariwise, when shee doth rest from her labour, then I feede her very cleane without any casting at all, and so doe set her vp to rest : then doe I cut and fashion a casting of woollen to my liking, and lay it in faire water all night, and the next morning doe rise very ear-
 ly, and doe offer her the same, well soaked, coo-
 led and washed ; the which shee will not refuse to take willingly, sitting still on her pearch, being formerly wonted and accustomed vnto it, and will put it downe into her pannell ; and within some houre, or there abouts, when her stomach hath wrought vpon it, and findes little or no commoditie gained therby, then doth her emp-
 tiness and eager appetite to her breakfast, natu-
 rally prouoke her by casting to make her readie to prepare her selfe for the same : at which time,
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for your further experience, you may behold what a faire and delicate casting it will be, without any ill signe or shew in it; which otherwise would haue appeared, by the length of time continued.

Thus in my owne obseruation I haue gathered, that this kinde of casting is not fit to be giuen vsually at the night time vnto the soundest *Hawke* of this kinde, especially with any store of meate that may giue cause vnto her to keepe it long: for triall whereof, you shall perceiue in the morning that it hath vexed her in her stomacke, and hindered her digestion, and that shee hath beene wearie of it with detaining it so long. For triall whereof, oft-times it forceth her to cast before her due houre, or that shee hath perfectly indued her supper, which will appeare in the colour of it, that will be of a blacke burnt or *caw* nie, and withall clammie, with muddie and bloudie water in it very often, euen in the soundest *Hawke* that is.

Thus doe I leaue it to your considerations, whether it can be fit or meete to be giuen vnto a sickly or crafie *Hawke*, or no, when the soundest that is cannot well nor alwaies brooke it. Therefore, by my aduice, if any man will needs give it at the night, let it be but with small store of meat, and also let her haue some plumage with it. There be some men that vse to giue stones with saliendine, and castings of hassell, that will swell dangerously, and grow too bigge without great

*The effects
of woollen
casting.*

care be had in the vndersizing of it; the which many are much overseene in, and oftentimes ouerstraine their *Hawkes* with too great castings of such kinde, as will not with her inward and naturall working be so fashioned and mollified, as that she may cast it again with any reasonable easines, or without much preuidice to her selfe.

Also others doe vse to gie quilles and such like vnto these kind of *Hawkes*, both in their in-seaming and flying time: but for my owne part I ioyne not with them in the like opinion, but rather doe esteeme of them as vaine and superfluous imaginacions, and conceits proceeding from mutable and vncoustant affections, then from any effects of certentie or probable conclusions: only this hath beene mine own course, when I haue found my *Hawke* any whit to distaste or dislike of such kinde of vnnaturall cotton castings, I sedainely left them, and did betake my selfe to Iukes, and sometimes to Hares or Conies feete, the bones and wooll well broken together; the which I neuer found to disagree any whit with her, but alwayes hath wrought to good purpose, and the like effects in her. And whosoeuer he be that is cleanly in his maner of dyet or feeding, and for the quantitie, with the carefull ordering of the same, most assuredly shall neuer haue any occasion to vse such kinde of extraordinary courses. Yet I know there bee many men that would haue their *Hawkes* to flie well, and bee at their command,

*The naturall casting
is best.*

mand, with grosse and bloudie meate giuen and continued vnto them, even as if they were still in the Mew; and they will not through any counsell bee aduised from that course, although they plainly perceiue what inconuenience belongeth vnto it: as first, they wil seeme and make shew to be, as it were, blind & carelesse, whē they shold be most careful & watchful to see & fly for their own reward, & content of their keeper: also they wil loyter & sit drowsily behind, whē they shold be most diligent to attend & draw after the, nay although they fal to raling or soring quite away from them, yet they will be so shallow witted or otherwise selfe-wil conceited, as either they cannot or will not iudge of the true cause of their idlenes or disobedience towards them, which is nothing but the imperfectnesse of the stomack, that is grown so cold, & glotted with foule feed vnwasht, & great gorges. I do not deny, but that hot and bloudy meat is necessary & good, if he that gives it knows when it is fit to bestow it, otherwise it auaileth nothing towards the effectual working of his desire. For example, take the wilde *Hawke* from the Cage, or otherwise from the Mew the *Hawke* that hath beene alone, and continue your former wonted manner of feeding with bloudie meate vnto her, although diuiding the same with your best discretion, and taking away the fatte and grossest substance from it; also to plye her with casting, carriage, and all the paines with watching, and

*Of bloudy
meate giuen
to flying
Hawkes.*

*The effects
of grosse
feeding.*

*Difference
betweene
the Hawke
in the Mew
and the o-
ther that ie
flying.*

whatsoeuer else belonging, vntill you haue made her so familiar and gentle, as you can devise or desire, in the house in company, or abroad in hold. Yet neuerthelesse, if you omit, and be slacke to take the bloud away with well washing, you shall be new to seeke; for your labour is all in vaine, and shee will not bee reclaimed or forced to be subiect to your will, but wil continue in a manner towards you both wilde and ramage still, whensoeuer you shall crosse her loose abroad: and therefore I would haue to ynderstand, that the vnreclaimed and vnclean *Hawke*, of this kind or any other, ought to bee reclaimed, inseamed, and made to fleye, with good meate cleane dressed and washed, and for these *Hawkes*, the water dried out againe with a faire cloath, and a contiruall course held in the same all their flying time, vnlesse on due consideration and iust cause being moued to the contrarie; as vnto a sicke or crasie *Hawke*, with due respect vnto the eyes, or hot and eager mettelled *Hawke*; as also vnto the soundest and hardest *Hawke* that is, as when shee shall haue continual hard flying, and kills often, then may you with boldnesse, and discretion in the quantitie, giue vnto her bloody rewards, and three or four times in the weeke soppers of the same, as of Partridge or Fesants heads and neckes, or any other good meate; alwayes being mindefull in time of rest, that then you faile not to feed with meate cleane dressed, hard washed and dried againe,

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rest breeds
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and glos-
thes stomach.*

gaine, to hold the stomacke right and sharpe *The stomacke.*
withall; for otherwise(that) being dulled and ta-

ken away, there is no content to be had, nor sub-
iection to be looked for abroad, when shee is at
libertie and her owne disposing, but altogether
offensiuenesse and vexation. For as I haue of-
ten told you(that) is the only marke you ought
to ayme at, it ties and binds her to all other con-
ditions you can desire to haue her furnished
withall. And on the contrary, it seuers and se-
parates asunder the one from the other, and
makes her as a wilde and vntamed *Hawke*. Also
it is very necessary that this one thing be well
obserued all the flying time, either to the field or
couart, but especially during that time, because
then for the most part, the weather is disposed
to sharppnesse and cold: for which cause you
ought not to suffer any *Hawke* of that kinde to
be fasting too long; for it breedeth much winde
in them, the which they are all subiect vnto, and
wil appeare often with a rising in the gorge, and
a noise withall of croking; the one may bee felt
with the hand, and the other heard with the
eare; and therefore both are as easie to bee iud-
ged of: likewise the rye and the cray very much
attendeth on the same, and it is a special meanes,
with cold adioyned, to take off her flesh, which
at that time of the yeare will not very easily bee
put on againe, vnlesse shee bee a right sound
Hawke: and on this impouerishment attendeth
many other infirmities. Therefore to prevent
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not kept fa-
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long for her
flying.*

*Of cold
meate.*

*The benefit
of good
meate.*

these or any other that may grow thereon; you ought to provide for every Hawking-day a reasonable meale of cleane dressed meat, the which you must keepe in a faire cloath: then in the morning, suddenly after shee hath cast, giue her one bit when her hood is on. Also if you chance to spend an houre more before you finde your flight, giue her another bit; and so after this maner in your owne discretion. Afterwards, during the time of your recreation and sporting abroad, compare or equall so your meate with the length or shortnesse of time, as that she shall never be ouer emptie, yet neverthelesse shal ever haue a perfect appetite, and good courage to fly after the best manner, and a well able and strong bodie to maintaine the same withall, which otherwise through long fasting would soone bee weakened and brought to poore estate. Also, as touching cold meate, whensoever you doe feed with any of it, it shall profit you nothing to wash it, so be it be cleane; for the blood therein being cold, the strength therof for the most part is decayed, by which meanes it hath lost the principall force and vigor of it, through the which it would the better haue fed and nourished: I will advise no man to vse it, but as seldom as he may, for a continuance of it breeds pouertie and many other diseases. On the contrary, to feed with hot meate, although at that time to be reasonably well washed and dried, it holdeth health and strength together, withall preuenting the

the most, and continual stirring against all manner of diseases. And forget not whensoeuer you set your *Hawke* downe off your fist hoodded or vnhoodded, to rest, to weather, to bathe, or for what cause else soever, that you come not to take her vp againe to your fist, without vsing your voice in whistling or chirping vnto her, also with some bit of meat or a stumpe to please her withall: for so shall you worke in her an euer-lasting loue and desire of your comming and company: whereas otherwise to come vnto her stilly or silently, suddenly or rashly to take her vp to your fist from her naturall desire of quiet rest, and to bee alone without such kinde vngage and louing content, it stirreth vp in her, her owne naturall disposition, which is vnto anger and feare, and to hate the societie and company of the man, desiring alwayes to bee at libertie, and out of his possession.

Also remember at all times you set your *Hawke* on her pearch hoodded, that shee may not haue understanding or perfect knowledge where it standeth; for if shee haue, shee will alwayes haue an vnquiet longing to be there, and will not rest quietly on the fist after shee is once within the dores; and especially vntill shee bee throughly reclaimed and made flying, and hath beene wel alone, your fist for the most part must be her pearch, and shee ought to know no other, for they bee *Hawkes* that in their fist making, with a little rest will quickly forget what for-

*Offering
your Hawke
downe
to her
rest.*

*Of taking
her vp a-
gaine.*

merly they were taught, and returne to their
wildenesse againe.

*An obser-
vation by
the Hawke.*

*The pati-
ence of the
Offringer
towards his
Hawke.*

*An order so
be fed at
the first re-
claiming.*

Also, whensoeuer you shall preceive herto be
vntoward or frowardly disposed, you ought not
to resist her with the like behaviour, as many a
cholerike and hasty man will do; for shee will
quickly perceiue and obserue it, and her loue wil
abate and be turned into disdaine, which at the
present time you shall perceiue to appeare by
her strange and scornefull countenance in be-
holding you; but you must alwayes be prepared
and armed with patience and gentlenesse to en-
dure her vnguentnesse, and euermore haue some
stumpe in a readinesse to appease her anger, and
quiet her withal, when you shal see her addicted
therunto, yntill you haue reclaimed and made
her gentle indeed. And whereas I formerly ad-
vised, not to carry your Hawke fasting too long
for her flying, but to distribute her portion vnto
her by bits, as time and occasion should serue:
so likewise I doe wish that in the time of inse-
ming and reclaiming, you doe not at any time
giue her, her dinner altogether at one time, for
thereby you shall prolong and deferre so much
the more the time of her making; for soone as
her stomacke is satisfied and filled, her appetite
and desire towards you is choaked, and vntill the
houre of feeding growes neere againe, her min-
d and remembrance is cleane off on you; whereas
otherwise, as I haue said, to diuide it in the fore-
part of the day, and let her lumpe often to the
fist

fist for it, she will still be mindfull on you, and never forgetfull, but alwayes, and inwardly in her minde attending and listening for your voice, and some other pleasing reward from you, and shee will so much the sooner be made a perfect *Hawke*. There is no man that can at the first sight of his *Hawke* truly iudge of her nature and disposition, but therein shall be much de-
ceiued, they are so different in their kind; where-
fore it behoueth every one to be carefull, and re-
member, at that time when shee is first to be en-
tered, that then he sets or puts her vpō the highest
point or pin of hunger, doubting, as it were, the
worst of her, or making question of her good or
bad inclination; for thereby he shall suddenly
perceiue and plainly see, all the spirit and mettle
that naturally is in her; for when shee hath once
taken her prey, whatsoeuer it be, although shee
should bee of a dull disposition; yet by that
meanes shee will rather choose to die then for-
sake it, shee will be so pinched with appetite and
desire to enjoy it; wheras otherwise the stomach
being vnperfect, the least occasion that may be,
as the approch of her owne Keeper, or any other
man, the appearing either of horse or dogge, or
what strange sight else souuer, will be sufficient
to cause herto forsake it, and go her way; which
ill condition shee will remember afterward, and
be alwayes apt on the least occasion to doe the
like againe.

*An obser-
nation at
the first en-
trance.*

*The fruise
of an imper-
fect sto-
mache.*

C H A P. IX.

Of the Hauke that will not endure or abide the
fights of the hood.

HVery man, though he would never so faine, cannot bee so exquisite, as to performe the flight and nimblenesse of that arte, by quicke and cleanlye conuicing the hood on, aboue the hand, in regard that those kinde of Hawks be naturally more coy and curios to be handled about the head then any other be; for which cause there be many men, that when they doe assay to put on their hood, doe eyther quite misse them, or otherwise put it halfe way or loosely on, which greatly offendeth the Hawks, neuerthelesse to adde more anger and vexation

An error in
the Keeper.

to,

to her, they will vse the arte of bobbing with their hand or finger, vntil they haue euен almost caused her to fall backward for feare, before she can be hoodded: this is a most vile qualitie, and vnseemely to be vised to any *Hawke*, and especially to one of this kinde; for it will in the end beate her quite out of loue with the very sight of the hood, or with the moving but of the hand towards her head, although shee were neuer so gentle before.

And therefore I doe wish every one that would haue his *Hawke* gently disposed that way, to forsake that one vnseemely qualitie or vndecent order, and accept of another rule at my hand, which heere I shall expresse plainly and truely vnto you; and with the which I haue my selfe made divers *Hawkes*, that hath beene frighted and feared in the highest degree, to become most louing and gentle againe.

I doubt not but there be many will think this to be a very hard matter to performe, considering it nevtherelselfe is a thing vnusuall, and hath seldome or never beene seene. For triall wherof, let him that hath such a *Hawke*, if he cannot doe it himselfe, send her vnto me, and if I doe not make her as gentle as hee can desire shee shoulde be, then for twentie shillings I will forfeir vnto him twentie nobles; and I will heere shew you the manner and way how to perfect the same.

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CHAP. X.

To make the Goshawke gentle, and to loun the
hood, that hath with all usage beeene bea-
ten out of loun with all
before.



*Obserue wel
this order.*

Dring the time by day or night, that you doe carry one of these kind of Hawkes on your fist, that hath bin bobbed with the hood, as we may terme it: doe you also carry a hood of some note, I meane for the colour, on your finger, that may wel be seene and viewed by her, as it hangeth there: but beware that you doe not shew it as yet with your other hand vnto her, but there let it rest daily for a weeke together in her sight, that she may also feed close by it: then

this being so done, alwayes after when you feed
take it gently in your other hand, and moue and
stirre it about her meate, that shee may touch it
as shee eates ; doe thus another weeke : euer re-
membring, that after shee hath fed, it may rest on
your little finger againe in her sight, till the next
time, and yet not to be feared with it. You shall
use this course, vntill you see that without any
feare shee will but thus endure it ; which being
perceiued, you must then hold your meat in the
hand that shee sitteth on , and with the other
hand hold the hood by the tassel vpon her meat,
mouing and stirring it , as though you would
keepe her from feeding ; but it must bee done
softly and gently, when as you shall perceiue
that shee will then striue to feed besides it : then
with lesse shew or appearance of meat in the
hand, you shall hold the hood by the tassel iust
ouer the meat, that you may see in your owne
discretion, that shee must needs eate cleane thoro-
row it : doe thus so long, as vntill you see that
shee will feed and search boldly cleane thoro-
row the hood for her meate, and eate it without any
snatching or feare, alwayes being mindfull of
the stomacke , then may you bee bold, as shee
feeds , a little with your hand to moue the hood
off and on the meat, and shee will take no of-
fence at all.

Also, as shee is feeding, and doth thrust thoro-
row the hood for her meate, doe you beare the
hood a little against her, and shee will hood and
vnhood

vnhood her selfe as often as you will haue her: then whereas before you ought to haue restrained her, from taking too much hold of her meate; on the contrary, now when shce hath with your assistance put on her owne hood, let her eat freely vntill she hath done, and take it off no more vntill feeding time againe; and in this manner, within the moneth and lesse, shce will be wonne to hood her selfe with the least stumpe you doe carry about you, as often as you shall haue occasion.

And for those *Hawkes*, there is none that keepes them, but ought alwayes to haue some such thing about him: And then doe but iudge whether he were better to vse this ready course that will never saile him, then to bobbe at her aboue the hand vntill hee hath quite spoiled her.

And forget not, that if shce be a *Hawke* taken from the *Mew*, or otherwise, that you never beginne to practise this course with her, vntill her stomacke be perfectly come to her; for if you doe, it will marre her for ever, and shce will never be reclaimed againe; for it is that especially that draweth, and also forceth her to become louing and friendly to that which shce formerly hated.

Thus haue I heretofore in some sort shewed you, how strange and coy a *Hawke* the *Gosbewke* is; nice and curious to be handled; how apte shce is to take dislike at any trifling toy: and
therefore

therefore as I haue formerly aduised for other Hawkes, so especially for her, you had neede to to be more circumspect and carefull with all diligent heed at her first reclaiming and making; for as shee is then fashioned, shee will euer after with reasonable paines and gouernment frame her selfe towards you in all her actions. And I will heare, according to mine owne simple skill and order vsed in mine owne practise, shew you the way vnto the same.

CHAP. XI.

To reclaine the Hawke from the Cage.

When you shall haue one of these Hawks brought first vnto your hand, it is meete that by your arte and best endeavour, you doe then prepare and

F make

make her readie to bee reclaimed after this manner.

Obserue
this order.

Giue her a fortnights carriag or more as she is in her ruster-hood, alwayes stroaking and playing with her, with your hand, or a feather in stead thereof; and also in her diet, to be as carefull to feed cleane with washed meate, by which meanes she may be brought the sooner to haue a good stomacke, and be gentle and well pleased to be handled, which you shall finde afterwards to be a great benefit and furthering in her reclaiming and making: then when you haue so done and taken that paines with her, and that you do finde her to bee gentle indeed, and pliable to your will: (the which you shall perceiue by her griping and listning to your voice, whistle or chirping, or eager feeding:)

Then having one evening your water with pepper provided, and when you haue, according to the order and accustomed manner, well washed and peppered her, take off her ruster-hood, being fare to haue another that is fit and easie to be put on; and likewise afterward now and then, as you shall see just cause, when as you shall find her so mecke and gently disposed, that you may doe what you list with her: whereas otherwise without this former paines and preparation, shee would altogether haue wanted a stomacke, and continued so much the longer, both rammage and wilde, the which would haue deserved much more paines and labour of her.

her Keeper. But to returne, as shee groweth a little to be drie, put on her hood, and giue her a bit of good meate vpon it, to please and refreſh her withall ; and so holding this course to hood gently and vnhood, now and then not forger-
ting her reward euer after it is on, vntill ſhee bee throughly dried, and afterwards the moſt part of the night ; then you may ſet her downe bare faced, to haue two or three houres ſleepe or reſt ; and be ſure it be in a ſpeciall warme place, and on adrie and warme pearch on high, for thoſe kinde of *Hawkes* bee very ſubiect to take cold, and apte to haue the crampc on ſuch occaſions.

b. Thus when ſhee and your ſelfe hath taken a little reſt, then ſee that you doe draw by degrees ſoftly vnto her, with ſhew of meat in your hand, withall vſing your voice or tongue, with chirping and whiſtling vnto her, vntill you haue ta-ken her gently to your fiſt ; when as diuiding one meale into ſeverall parts, beſtow it ſo on her for the moſt part after her hood is put on : and to continue this order with her in the day time for a while, it will be very good, vntill you doe finde her well reclaimed ; for it will cauſe her to looke for the hood, and take delight to haue it put on, when ſhee ſhall finde her ſelfe alwayes ſo well rewarded and pleſed afterward.

And as I haue heretofore giuen you to un-derſtand, that every *Hawke* is not alike in their naturall diſpoſition, but are muſt diſſeſting the

*A good ca-
uet.*

*Observe the
nature of
the Hanke.*

one from the other: so also and therefore you ought to bee the more carefull to obserue and marke diligently how shee is disposed, and to order and rule her according to the same. For example, if you doe finde her to bee tutchie or nicely addicted, and curios to entertaine and accept of your hand and the hood to come neare her head; then must you forbeare to practise and bee doing often in the day time with her: but as I haue shewed you, seldom, but at her feeding, or else late in the night time, when as you shall finde her more willing to take the same.

Thus hauing so wel & perfectly accomplished your desire in her reclaiming familiarity and imboldening: it wil now be good time to teach her to iumpe and come to the fist, euer being mindfull of the stomach that it may be perfect; for as I haue let you to vnderstand, how coy and stately a bird the *Goshawke* is, and whereas other *Hawkes* of contrary kinde are vsed to come to a Lure, throwne some distance from the man: contrariwise, shee being a *Hawke* of the fist, must, if she be vsed and taught as shee ought to be, be made to come home closeto the body of the man, with boldnesse to his hand, and stoutly with great familiaritie, and without any feare to seize and sit vpon the same, during his pleasure; which shee will never bee forced to doe with all the arte in the world, if her stonsacke be any whit imperfect.

But

But to returne; when you haue taught her to iumpe readily to the fist, which is a thing so easie and ordinary with the simplest to be effected, as that I shall not need to prescribe any rule or order for the same. But afterwards, let the next steppe or lesson be not much more further from you, then that which we call iumping to the fist: but, as I haue said before, diuide one meale into more, and let her come and be called oftentimes in a day, if it be possible, and not aboue twentie or fortie yards at the most from the man, for a weeke or a fortnight together; which will so quickly and surely make her perfect, with such boldnes & familiaritie, as that she will neuer vnderstand what it is to checke at the fist: but with this order and due time taken and ioyned together, will proue a certaine and bold commer, which is a speciall good qualitie in one of those *Hawkes*: besides, it will cause her to come and draw at any time of the day; for it is the tying and holding of those kind of *Hawkes*, to one meale, and one houre, which is towards the euening, that causeth them not to come or draw vntill that time, which vile condition the most of them be subiect vnto. Also, as I haue shewed you, to take good time in the making and teaching of her to come and to draw, before you offer her to fye, is the onely meanes to shew her selfe what shee is, and what mettle shee is of, and through which you may keepe her full lusty and strong, whereby shee may bee sufficiently

*Hanckeare
ever of the
stomacke.*

*Marke well
how shee
ought to bee
called.*

*An other-
sight in the
keeper.*

*The fruits
of hastines.*

able to performe what shee is put vnto. Many a man, I know, is of a contrary opinion, and will not stay the time vntill his *Hawke* will rightly owne himselfe, and bee also haile-fellow wel met with his *Spaniels*; but euuen so soone as shee wil come a little way to his fist, althogh shee never looked vpon a dog in al her life before, will bid her goe, for if shee will goe well, I care not for her comming; but he, whatsoeuer he be, let him assure himselfe he shall repent him of his speed.

And whereas many a man glorieth and decmeth himselfe worthie of great praise and commendation, for his extraordinarie haste and expedition: I doe maintaine the contrary, saying, there is no such cause of deserving, for he commeth on blindly and rashly, without iudgement or consideration of what marke hee aymeth at; and when hee thinketh hee hath made a sound and a good conclusion, afterwards it shall bee found imperfect, and hee shall be new to seeke, for his *Hawke* hath hardly bin taught one good qualitie or artificiall condition.

Also he cannot choose but pull off her flesh, whereby her haughtinesse is abated, which depriueth

Vaine glory.

*The low
and poore
Hawke is
evermore
subject to
infirmities.*



priueth her of her mettle and courage, and absolutely spoileth the *Hawke*: for there is not any one of that kinde that will flye well, how good souer shee either was or is, being any whit im- powerished or brought lowe; neither will they last healthfull, but will bee always subiect to sicknesse, through one infirmite or other that ariseth thereon.

Therefore whosoever coueteth to keepe a *Hawke* of that nature and kind, expecting pleasure and contentment from her, with health and strength together to maintaine the same, must not faile to take good time to teach her, and then by his arte and diligent endeavour he shall not be any way deceipted, but most assuredly shall finde all the spirit and mettle that naturally was carried or breed in her.

C H A P. X I I.

How and in what manner the Goshawke ought to
be called loose, and taught to draw, and in what
places, for the better avoideing of such in-
conueniences as shee is subiect vnto,
and may befall in
that time.



Ow will it be good time to let
her be called loose, when as it
is expedient that you doe shun
all places neare vnto your own
home, other houses or townes,
to auoid such inconueniences,
as through temptations may grow thereon, as
Powltering or Dowe-houses, and such like pla-
ces, the which all those *Hawkes* be subiect vnto;
and

and hauing once caught such an ill propertie, *The spoile of the Hawke.*
they will very sedome or neuer bee reclaimed
from it, but will follow it, how farre soever from
any towne shee shall be flone; yet if shee be not
suddenly scrued and pleased, shee will not stay,
but forthwith will fall to raling; neuer once loo-
king backe to her Keeper, vntill shee cometh
there whereas shee will serue her selte too
soone. *To a towne.*

And thus to consider what a toyle and vexa-
tion this must needs bring to him that shall fol-
low her; it would make any man care and couet
with all diligence to preuent such a mischiefe at
the first, before it doe come: the which to effect,
this course you must take; walke with her to the
young woods or groues betimes in the after-
noone, hauing before prepared her stomacke fit
and readie for the same purpose, and there put
her vp into a tree, walking along from her into
the winde, vsing your voice vnto her softly, as
though you had Spaniels with you, and spake to
them, but let it be especially with your tongue
in whistling and chirping vnto her; by which
meanes to cause her draw and follow after you
with little noise, which if shee shall so doe, as
there is no doubt, but that shee will frame her
selfe according to your expectation; then suffer
her not too long, but call her to your fist againe,
and reward her a little with some bit of meate
to please her withall; the which it is fitte you
should haue in a readinesse wrapped in a faire

*Obserue
this order
at her first
teaching to
draw.*

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cloath, vnlesse you haue either Pigeon, Rooke, or some other such like thing about you, out of the which you may draw a legge, and so content her.

After this, you shall put her vp againe, and so by your softest voice or whistle draw her along after you againe; for it is not good, neither convenient to vse a lowde voice or noise vnto her for diuers respects. For first, it will be a meanes to teach her sit and loyter behind you, so farre as shee can heare you, which is one ill qualitie; otherwise sometime a man wil go with his *Hawke* where hee would be loath either to be heard or seen, as I must confess, I haue done my self many a time; which he cannot do with such a one as first hath beene taught, and is still wonted to loude voices; but he must make, as it were, proclamation where abouts he goes, and where hee is: whereas otherwise hee may goe safely and securely, and his *Hawke* will draw and follow him, as diligently and attentiuely, by meanes shee was at the first tutored and taught with a still voice or whistle.

Also your *Spaniels* will hunt within your command, and so neere you and your *Hawke*, as they shall neuer spring any thing out of her danger, but still where shee may commaund it: whereas otherwise in hearing of lowde noises they will range far off, and at randon, springing out of the way far from you; which wil be much displeasing both vnto the man and the *Hawke*.

*Why you
ought not to
call her a-
lowde.*

CHAP. XIII.

To make loue and unity betweene the Ostringer
himselfe, his Hawke, and his Spaniels;
which is a speciall thing to bee
obserued.



Now that you haue after this
foresaid rule and order pre-
scribed vnto you, taught
your *Hawke* to draw dili-
gently after you, & to come
againe as readily to your fist:
It is as meete and necessarie
that you doe prouide you of such *Spaniels* as
you intend to *Hawke* withall: and because this
Hawke is a bird very obseruing, and will quickly
learne to know her Keeper, and be familiar with

G 2 him,

him, and seeme as strange and coy to let another man come neare her: also to haue such vnderstanding of *Spaniels*, as to know and loue one that shall be continually in company with her, and as it were to hate or be fearefull of another that comes but seldom to her: also many of the kind will be very fearefull, nice and coy of al dogges, and at the first sight will not abide or endure any.

Wherefore now that you haue formerly in all other points of perfection, by your arte, la-bour, and discretion, accomplished your desire with her: it is now that you ought through all diligence, to practise and labour to breed a familiare league of friendship, loue and vnitie betweene your selfe, your *Hawke*, and your *Spaniels*; the which to accomplish and bring to perfection, take this course. At every feeding time draw you all conueniently together, whereas you must let your *Hawke* feede amongst the dogges on your fist very oft; not one dogge or two, as I haue said before, for she will learne too soone to know him too well; but amongst two or three couple, or as many as you haue, and also to haue the dead pelt of a Pullet or Hen in a short cruce, and throwing it oftentimes from you in the thickest amongst them, that shee may fie from your fist, and eagerly choppe amongst them and seaze vpon the same; there suffering her to plume awile, then take her vp againe with a stumpe to your fist, immediatly throw-

*To breed
loue between
the Hawke
and the
Spaniels.*

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ing it, as before, againe and againe euen in the middest of them : and this course you must vse euery day, vntill you doe find that shee will venter very boldly, and without any feare, amongst them all ; and then you shall perceiue that shee will haue pereiuerance and vnderstanding by the dogs remouing and giuing way with feare vnto her, that shee hath euen gotten the vpper hand and mastery of them ; whereas otherwile to haue floue, or offered to enter her before, without these former preparations and necessarie courses, it had beene done rashly without judgement ; and there is not one *Hawke* amongst twentie, but would haue beene beaten out of loue both with the man, the *Spaniels*, and whatsoeuer besides hee had floue her vnto.

And so I will omitte to speake any more
of this point in this place, because

I purpose to inlarge it fur-
ther, as I shall pro-
ceede here-
after.

*By this you
shall know
when your
Hawke is
ready to fly.*

CHAP. XLIIII.

*How you shall first enter your Hawke, and teach
her flye to the field, and to order and ma-
nage her there during that
season.*



*The Spa-
niels.*

When you haue, as I formerly ad-
vertised, well reclaimed, imbol-
dencd and taught your *Hawke* to
know and vnderstand her owne
superioritie and command ouer
her seruants: it wil be good to prepare and make
her ready to fly, & it is meet to enter her first to
the field, when as shee ought especially to bee
skilfully ordered, flone, follewed, and assisted;
for commonly a direct and perfect beginning,
doth gaine prooue and cause of good effects and
con-

conclusion. Therefore your sureft course is, to prouide, if it bee possible, three or foure hand Partridge, with a companion, friend, or seruant, and one couple of stanch *Spaniels*; then goe into the faireft field, having before prepared and armed your *Hawke*, with appetite and courage to flye after the beft manner, for her owne reward, and giue content to the beholder; and being there in a readinesse, one of you shall goe neare hand from the other, to ſome buſhes or other ſmall conaſt of obſcuritie to be shadowed, whereas hee ſhall ſpend his voice to the dogges, after the accuſtomed maner, vſing ſome blowes with his pole, and beating his harmeleſſe enemy withall, as from forth the ſame; he ſhall ſecretly let the Partridge ſpring, with ſuch iudgement in the delivery, that the *Hawke* may diſcerne and ſee it, and crying with a lowd voyce, Howe, howe, howe, that ſhee may haue vnderſtanding, and leaue to know the word of aduertisement or warning, when ſhee ſhould at any other timo looke about her, or be watchfull to take the beft opportunitie offered at an instant vnto her, for her beft aduantage.

This being well effected, and that the *Hawke* doth with ſpirit and mettle flye after and take it, be yee ſure with all expedition and iuftneſſe, that your *Hofte*, or owne ſupporters may afford to get into her, and thereby ſtand and guide or guard her, that no dogge nor oþer cauſe may fright or feare her, whereby to deprue her of the

The buſhes.

*Words of
cuſtome.*

*The Par-
tridgē.*

prey

prey shee hath so hotly pursued, so lately taken, and desireth so much to enjoy and keepe within her owne possession ; but with your licence and good leaue doe suffer her to plume and take her pleasure on the same : And with your further ayde and assistance, to take blood thereon, still having the *Spaniels* in sight close by her. All this well practised, then you must teach her to take the head in her foote, and eate it on the ground; and when shee hath so done, and looketh about her : hauing your *Spaniels* by you, throw the Partridge pelt, as before you had vied to doe in her first teaching, once amongst the dogges, and let her take it, being in her leash, that shee may not cartie it from you ; and whilst she sits there and plumes, make her supper readie ; take her gently to your fist, and there content her : then walking towards your home, with ioy in your successe, and much good likelihood to haue no worse thereafter, you may well consider and determine of the next oportunitie, and after the same maner howe to order and vse her; by which meanes, no doubt but you shall very suddenly attaine to your owne expected desire, and haue an excellent *Hawke*, and by all meanes flye her to the field all the first yeare, and let her not see the *Fesant* at all, for that will draw her loue from the Partridge, and make her giue them ouer ; nay, he that will haue a good *Hawke* to the field of this kinde, must never let her see the *Fesant* at all, nor flye one flight thereunto ; for the best of them

them will take more delight in the one, then in the other, and grow quite out of loue with the one for the others sake.

Now when you haue thus well and luckily entred and bloudded her with these Partridges, and also killed some three or foure more from the marke, at the reteriue, and that you doe perceiue by her, that shee once knowes a Partridge by sight; the whoorr, and other accustomed termes vsed, and will goe readily from the fist thereunto:

Be ye sure after, that al the forepart of the yeer you let her goe no more one flight in ten, neare vnto the rising of her game; for that will cause her to girde and master them, as it were, at the sowce, within a shourt space, being no way able in that season to make wing, to hold out before such a *Hawke*; and also shee will afterward remember and looke for the same order, and without it will not flic towards the latter end of the yeere; no, shee will make you beleene shee sees them not at all, neither will fleye after such a Partridge as shall be sprung farre from her, but to the next tree shee meetes withall, and being neuer so good a mettled *Hawke*, this course will spoile her; for shee will as well understand the difference betweene the one and the other, as your selfe; and what shee cannot doe at hand, shee will neuer doe.

*Obserue well
this order.*

And therefore considering that this order and course held long at the beginning of the

yeare, while Partridge be but weake, is sufficient to make slothfull, and to marre the best mettelled *Hawke* that is, you ought to be more careful when you meete with another that is but of a dull disposition, and as sluggish of her wings: yet I haue seene such a one, through the arte and well ordering of her Keeper, hath proued a spciall *Hawke*.

An exam-
ple.

It was once mine owne chance to haue such a one in my custodie, that in her falling I perceiued to be very sluggish and heauie, which soone altered my opinion of her, and withdrew my former affection almost quite from her: yet on further consideration I began to think with my selfe, that seeing I had gone so farre with her, I would not so leaue her, for a little more paines, vntill I had had some further triall of her; and then this direct course I tooke presently with her.

It was very early of the yeare whē as I shewed her markt Partridge, that I sprung, and suffered to rest long after: of the which, and after this manner, shee killed me, in two or three dayes, sometwo or three brace, euen at the catch, in a very little space; in so much as I perceiued by her ready going, that shee knew them well, and also was very hot on them, and as busily dispeſed with them, when shee had any one in her foote: which also shewed, as I deemed, some good loue in her towards them, and gaue me some further comfort besides, and hope of a good

good conclusion. Afterward in processe of time it was my happy to shew her divers Partridge, that were sprung further from mee, then shee was vsed to fly, to the which I offred my Hawke; but after the old prouerbe, *Who so blinde, as hee that will not see?* and so my Hawke would none, but cast her regards another way.

After which, I began to call to minde and consider of her ill nature, and also of my owne foolish and former error, how that I had too long at first taught her to snatch and catch them vp at sowce, and nuzled her too much therein: Likewise, that I obserued no times, but flew her at aduenture and out of season, as too early, or in the heate of the day: neither had I any due respect vnto her stomacke.

And thus all things being thought on, I determined to rest her two or three dayes: and whereas at the first, when shee pleased mee, I was too louing and fond on her, and also did too richly reward her (which hath beene a fault in my selfe, I am sure, and, I thinke, in many another.)

But to returne, during the time of rest that I gaue her, I fed her very cleane, and soaked her meate all the day or night in vrine, the which is a speciall thing for a hard and dull mettelled Hawke of this kind, to whet her a good stomack withall.

And when I had so done, I shewed her another couie of Partridge late in the evening, or

towards the euening, for too late is as bad as to early, for a *Hawke* to flye ; but these sprung a great way from mee, and went all whole together : shee being at that time well armed with an eager appetite, and a good edge set on her, spurs sufficient to put her on, and pricke her forward after the best manner ; shee well perceiving of them, thrust her selfe vp from my fist a great heighth, and went after them, but altogether on playnes, euen Buffard like, yet neuerthelesse she did rightly marke them ; and at my comming in to the reteriuie, the *Spaniels* sprung one to her, the which shee flew very hard and killed : and after this, hauing good respect vnto her stomacke, and also for a while obseruing well the time towards the euening, shee prooued an excellent *Hawke*, yet neuer mended the maner of her first flights, but alwaies flew them very jadishly, and made no haste at all : yet afterward, when Partridge were sprung, although shee went a fur long behinde, shee would not faile to haue one often in her foote, the which I imagined shee did euer take comming cunningly ; and especially after the leafe were off, you might haue ventured ten to one, in the woodlands shee would not faile to haue one in her foote.

By this appeareth, that this *Hawke* did know her owne vnablenesse, and that shee were not fit nor able through the wightnesse of her wings, to make yeeld or master the fast flying Partridg, and that if shee had beene wilde, to haue shifted

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for her selfe, shée must haue vsed her policie to haue caught her prey, or else ofentimes to haue fasted.

Also this sheweth as plainly, how easilly this or any other dul mettelled *Hawke* might or may be marred, for want of iudgement and skill in her Keeper, or otherwise by his arte and paines taking, bee make and taught to doe him right good seruice; although not altogether out of her owne spirit and mettle, yet through his arte and her policie.

Also you must haue this respect, and bee mindfull of one ill propertie that many of those *Hawkes* bee subiect vnto, which is, that when they haue stoned a Partridgē hard to any couart, and takes it not at the first flight, there will they sit still on the ground, and will not get vp to any stand for their better vantage; which is a most vilde, foolish, and dull condition.

Wherfore, as I haue before aduised at the first entrance, it is meete that you take but a few *Spaniels* abroad with you, and also to be such as you may command vnto you after you haue stoned, vntill you haue sought and found your *Hawke* againe: for otherwise you shall never enter her, they wil cuermore retraine the Partridgē, that shée shall never see it as shée sits on the ground.

Therefore, to prevent the one in the dogges, and to amend the other in the *Hawke*, take this course: whan your *Hawke* bath stoned a Par-

*An ill qua-
lity to fall
on the
ground.*

*To amend
this fault.*

tridge, make after with all speed that you can, taking your dogges with you, by your command, and when you haue found her, be sure to take her vp, but not on your fist by any meanes, if there be either hedge or tree neare hand, but take her by the bodie or shoulders suddenly with both your hands, and throw her vpon eyther hedge, bush, ortree, and then beate for the Partridge, when as it is vnpossible but shee must needs see it, if it doe spring then; if shee flye after and kill it after that manner, you can desire no more; for one so killed, is worth ten at the first flight, or otherwise from the ground. This course being wel followed, wil certainly reclaine her from that fault, & teach her to rise her selfe; for shee will quickly learne to understand, that else shee shall be caught and tosse vp; and so ha-
ving some little feare of that one thing, and also knowledge that afterward shee shall enjoy some pleasure and content thereby, shee will so much the sooner grow perfect, and jumpe vp her selfe.

Some man when he comes in to his Hawke, and findes her after that manner, on the ground, will presently draw forth some meate or other, to take her to his fist withall, and there will hold her, expecting the rising of her game: but surely it is great indiscretion in him so to doe; for there he teaches her with incouragement to sit still attending his owne comming to her, and also a present reward expected from himselfe, ne-

*A great er-
ror.*

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uer minding the prey, shee had so hotly pursued before: but without his future care and best con-
fideration, doth cleane forget the same: thus is
shee quite ouerthrowne, and ten to one will ne-
uer after learene nor care to know her best aduan-
tage.

But some man may answere and say againe,
Why? this course to take and throw her vp af-
ter that fashion, must needs feare her, and make
her vnwilling to come to her Keeper another
time, when he shall be most desirous of her. But
it is not so, for you are to vnderstand that it is
not the *Haggart*, or right *Ramage Hawke*, that
I meane; for you shall not once in your life-
time know any of those *Hawkes* to haue that
foolish condition.

But if it should so fall out in some one eager
and hot mettelled *Hawke*, that out of her exce-
ding loue to the thing shee hath done, doe at her
first entrance a little sit, and hunt or seeke for it;
and therefore to serue her so, it will bee no whit
displeasing vnto her, but shee will so much the
sooner (being luckily serued and pleased after)
rightly vnderstand the fruites and meaning of
the same, and also will loue her Keeper neuer
the worse, but leare to know her better aduan-
tage: and whensoeuer you shall finde a right
Ramage Hawke to haue this qualitie, as at the fall
of a Partridge to be downe and vp, to flye and
to runne amongst the dogges and men with bu-
sinesse, you may be assured, that with care now

*A good com-
dition.*

and

and then to vse her after that maner, with other good government duely extended towards her by her Keeper, shewes her good nature; her hot loue and eager desire to her game, and that in respect of (that) for the present time shewes her neither man, horse nor dogge, nor any other thing, her minde is so bent of her pleasure.

*A fault in
the Eyes.*

But to leaue her, and returne to the *Eyn*, *Brancher*, or *Puler*, vntill they bee bred of the better crye; you shall haue many of them, nay, the most part of them will haue that one condition, lasting and continuing with them a long time; and without this one remedie or meanes lately expressed, euern many yeers: which then I referre vnto you to be censured, whether a man were better to terrifie and feare her cleane out of her wittes, then so long to waite and stay, expecting her future and vncertaine deservings.

*Of the
Ramage
Hawke.
An exam-
ple.*

But to returne backe againe to the *Ramage Hawke*, I will giue you an instance by the example of (one) the which I had of late time in my hand, and kept vnder my owne government at the least a dozen yeares, and free from any one ill propertie or condition, during that time; but as I made her at the first, so I kept her to the end, and shewes a speciall *Hawke* for eyther Partridge or *Felant*.

And this course, which here I shal prescribe,
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I tooke with her in her first making, keeping, ordering and flying. In the beginning I perceiued her to be very tutchie and coy to bee handled, for which cause I tooke extraordinary paynes with her, and made her very louing and gentle to the hood, even as any *Falcon* was: also to the dogges I found her, in my practise, inclined according to mine owne desire and expectation: And so to omitte other circumstances, course or order, as touching her calling, comming, or drawing.

To proceed, when I came to shew her Partridge, I found her as forward to flye, and bee entered, when as for a season I alwayes tooke off her hood, thereby to haue her both fit and readie to see and flye to the Partridge, that were to be sprung vnto her: but before I had vsed her long to that order of carying barefaced, which I thought to bee the most sure and best way to afford her the more quicke and spedie sight, shee was growne so vigilant with ouermuch stirring and vnquietnesse on the fist, that vilesse the Partridge did spring very faire before mee, or that directly I knew by marke where it was, and carefully attended for the rising, it was ten to one the flight was in danger to bee lost, or as good it had so beene; for her trouble and busynesse on the fist were such, as that it were able with great vexation to draw the eye and minde of any man awrie from his desired pleasure: neither could there any dogge suddenly stirre,

*An incon-
venience
belonging to
the Hawk
that will not
take the
Hood.*

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but shee would as suddenly bate; nor bird rife,
but shee would bee as busily disposed, that it
were altogether vnpossible to order and gouerne
her as shee ought to haue beeene. In this plainly
appeareth, what quietnesse, securitie and con-
tent of minde still attends on him that hath his
short-winged *Hawke* taught to take the Hood

gently; & also what
benefit, strength and
courage it affords to
her self, that may be
always safely kept,
f�one and gouerned:
contrariwise, what
diuersties of incon-
ueniences waits vp-
on her that will not
endure the Hood to

come neere her, but is accustomed euermore to
be carried barefaced when she should be f�one,
especially to the field: for if shee be a right met-
telled *Hawke* of spirit, desiring her sport and
prey, it may be said of her to haue more eyes,
then he of whom it hath beeene affirmed to haue
an hundred lights; for her continuall vigilancie
will be such, for the appearing or rising of her
desired pleasure, that shee will offer most conti-
nually to goe for her aduantage vnawares to her
Keeper suddenly. And therefore, in my opin-
on, for many considerations, it is the most com-
mendable & safe way, after one of these *Hawkes*

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be first entred, and onely knoweth a Partridge : then immediatly to teach her, and vse her to flye from forth the Hood, often baiting at Partridge sprung to other *Hawkes*, discomfarts and discourages her ; so that when her turne is to flye, her edge is off, and her courage is lost. Therefore the melancholy man is fittest to be her Keeper, who best can brook to walk or ride alone, which shee will suddenly learne to doe , and as readily as a man can wish or desire ; and also daily to sit and weather in the Hood, the which shee will be as well pleased withall, and never to take it off, as in custome : but when shee shall eyther flye, feede, bathe, or is to take her rest at night : And this course directly I tooke with this *Hawke* the whole time I kept her.

Also at the same time I had in charge at the least two cast of *Risay Hawks*, and ordered them in their dier my selfe, for which cause I did very seldom flye her , sometime not in the weeke and more, during which time, shee late for the most part in a russet hood ; and if I had not a verie conuenient place both day and night in the same, neuerthelesse that time of rest being expired, having occasion to vse her, eyther to the field or court, and giuing her but one hour or two to weather abroad in the ayre, though still in the Hood, with consideration alwayes of the stomachacke, shee would flye to content you. And this *Hawke* was so hot and eager at her first making, that shee would at the reterue alwayes be

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tion.

downe among the dogges, as it were, scambling for the Partridge; and whensoeuer I came in, I would take her by the shoulders, betwene my hands, and throw her vp; nay, ouer and abone, when a Partridge hath sprung on the other side the hedge, where shee could not see it, I haue after the same maner throwne her cleane ouer the same, and shee hath killed it in the foote at the same flight. This *Hawke* very quickly prooued very cunning, and as long as shee liued, when she knew that shee had mastered a Partridge, and that the dogges and men came in and tooke it, or else scambled for it, shee would never faile to make one, and bee a chiefe stickler in the combatte; and what dogge soeuer tooke it, he should be sure to leaue it, with some taste of her displeasure and correction for it.

Such banks Thus hauing, according to my best vnderstanding, shewed how to enter the *Goshawke* to field, and to order and governe her during that season, I will now proceede to the Couart, and out of the like knowledge appoint by prescription how shee ought to be entred, stoned, followed, and manned, during that time.

CHAP. XV.

How to enter the Goshawke to the Conart.



Any man whose skill and knowledge by time and experience is approoved to be good, may be fit and sufficiently able of himselfe to take the wilde Hawke from the Cage, or otherwise to reclaime her and make her readie in due time to be flone; and also to fyde her himselfe, or let her goe from his fist vnto her flight: nevertheless, when she is once gone or departed from him therunto, he may be then as much vnsufficient or vnable to governe her during that time; for there be many men that are expert in their arte, and through their owne knowledge well able to teach one of those kinde of *Hawkes*

*To teach the
Goshawke to
fyde to the
Conart.*

to flye, yet afterwards is no way able to follow and man her in her flight: whereby and through which cause, as shée was at first artificially and well made, so shée will bee then altogether as soone, or more sooner cleane spoiled and marred.

*Every one
is not fit to
keepe the
Goslawke.*

If this bee true, then it appeareth that every one is not fit to keepe the *Goslawke*, although his iudgement be great; nor otherwise any one that hath not a well able bodie to follow her, as shée ought to be.

But some man may answere, and say againe, that his body shall be well mounted and carried forward on horse-backe; to the which I allow also, so farre as vntill hee commeth to the Couart, but no further, vntesse hee will alwayes make choyce of his desired or wished place, the which no man can euer doe, to finde his game with speed: neither in most Countries or places is there any choyce to be had; but to that sport and with that *Hawke*, he must altogether trust to his feete, or else tarry behinde; which, as I think, there is few men but would be loath so to doe, that beareth any loue to their *Hawke*, or the game they haue flonne her vnto.

Therefore it is most certaine that there is no one man can order and manage the *Goslawke* to the Couart, but hee that hath a strong and able bodie, with spirit, mettle, and courage adioyned thereto, to follow her withall; and vnto such a one, I will heere according to mine owne ex-
perience

perience and opinion shew the way, how and in what places is best and meetest first to enter her in, and how to follow and manage her, vntill he hath made her a perfect *Hawke*.

You may well remember that you haue alreadie passed one good steppe forward on your journey, and as you would thinke, escaped all the danger in your further pretended way, in respect that you haue so artificially reclaimed, framed and stoned your *Hawke* all this long time to the field, and haue ordered and gouerned her with good successe in all your proceedings: but you ought to consider neuerthelesse, that this *Marke wel...* hath beene wrought, practised and brought to good conclusion, for the most part in the open and champagne fields, where was the assistance of men on horse-backe, and on foot, that might and haue come in at their pleasures, to guard the *Hawke*, and preuent any ill accident that might befall by the *Spanels* in their haste or rashnesse, or otherwise happen vnto her.

Therefore you are to consider, that now you otherwise intend to make her to the *Fesant*; and for that those kinde of Fowles doe altogether frequent and haunt the woods, and other places of obscurite, the which must needs be a blemish and hinderance to the sight which should give directions in the flight; for the better effecting of your desire, you ought to make good choice and becharie of what place you doe first enter her in, and especially that shew may be there well guarded.

*The man
cannot fol-
low by view
to succour
his Hawke...*

guarded and kept from taking any dislike or offence at the dogges, the which if shee should doe in the beginning, shee will never endure them againe; for as I haue said before, it must bee considered that the former familiaritie betweene them was bred in the field, whereas the *Hawke* for the most part might alwayes see them before they came at her, and also (they) were rebuked and terrified by the man in such sort, as that they neuer came rushing or ouer rashly vpon her, whereby shee might take any fright or sodaine feare, but had imboldening and incouragement to stand or sit still in her owne defence. I haue knowne divers coy *Hawks* my self, that through good following and well manning in the field, haue proued very bold and stout, to resist the rash and hastic encounters of very rough and vnruyl *Spaniels*, that although through their owne hotnesse, and also the lightnesse of the Partridge, they haue caused her to carry it to some hedge or bush out of the way, to shrowde her selfe from them, yet would neuer quite forsake it: neuerthelesse, the same *Hawke* at her first entrance to the Couart, for want of the like government, hath beene so suddenly feared and frightened, that shee would neuer after suffer any dogge in a thicke to come neare her, vnlesse her Keeper were first in with her. And therefore to auoid this inconuenience and ill qualitie at the first, it is meete that shee be better manned, followed and gouerned, then formerly in the field
shee

*It is the na-
ture of the
Hawke to
haue her
prey in pri-
uate.*

shee was, where most commonly shee might looke about her, and behold the dogges some space before they came at her; and also (they) might see and know her, and therefore so much the better shunne and goe beside her, for it is the rash and sudden rushing of the *Spaniels* vpon her, their sight by meanes of the Couart being obscured, and hauing an vncertaine and vndeclared mixture of sentes in their noses; and not discerning at an instant any difference betweene them, vniuersall the bcs glie warning, that breeds this vilde offence betweene those friends, that shoulde be of one vnioun.

The Hawk and the Es- sant.

Therefore, if you will haue her made a perfect *Hawke*, and to be bold, valiant, and venturous in the thicke woods, with the man, dogges and her game, as shee was in the plaine champaigne fields, you ought to make good choyce both of time, place, and dogges at her first entrance; for the time, that would be early before the leafe doe stirre, for then the *Fesant* flyes not farre: also afterwards, the nature of them is to forsake the yong shoothes and small groves, and draw to the high and thickest woods: also when the leafe doth fall, it is hard to reterue with many or few dogges, and those you shall vse in number would be but few, and also very easie to be commanded.

The Hawk
and the
Spaniels.

*The time to
enter the
Hawke.*

Then when you haue made good choyce of your place to fye your *Hawke* in, and that you haue let her goe vnto her flight, you must bee

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niels.

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Hawke
have no dis-
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Good obser-
nation for
the yong ma-

sure to command your dogges behinde you, vntill you haue found her; then if shee haue killed it, you haue your desire; if not, and that you chance to finde her on the ground, as it may wel be you may, for many of them at the first entering will bee very hot and eager of that sport, and oftentimes seeking for it on the ground: but if there bee any tree neare-hand, that shee may well see from it, put her vp into the same, otherwise keepe her on your fist, and beate for it againe; then if shee doe flye and kill it, you must be sure to make stay of the dogges vntill you haue directly found her: which being done, you shall get conueniently and gently in to her, and if you dislike the place for the vnesincle or thicknesse, you shall remoue her gently, and draw her into a more open place, where she may with more ease quietly enjoy her prey, and there suffer her to plume and take her pleasure on it a while; then call your dogs vnto you, and walke and stirre gently about her, with some moderate rustling and bulsing in the bushes, the better to acquaint her with the same noise: then when you see it conuenient, stoope to her on your knees, and rending thechappes, giue her bloud in the throate, whereas it will issue plentifully, to her great content; then paring the hard braine-pan from the rest, and couering the bodie with your hat, giue her the head in her foot to eate on the ground; and hauing your Spaniels close by you; when shee hath done, and beginneth to looke

ooke about her, throw the Fesant, euen as it
it were in their very mouthes, that she may (to-
gether with some words of rebuke from your
selte) make them giue way with feare vnto her,
yet drawing them into her sight againe to re-
maine, so long as shee is on the ground; and
while you make her supper readie: and when
you see shee hath taken her sufficient pleasure,
exchange (that) artificially with her, and let her
eate it on the ground where the quarrie lay, on-
ly reseruing some little thing to take her to your
fist withall; and then put on her hood, not for-
getting to bestow some reward on her after-
ward, which shee will bee well pleased withall,
and take it for a kinde conclusion at your hand,
and will not be curious to shew it outwardly, in
her behauour vnto you, with feaking, ietting,
rowsing, and such like ioyous shewes and signes
also of inward pleasure and contentment.

Many a man, as soone as he hath taught his
Hawke to draw and to come to his fist againe, ne-
ver thinkes or consideris of any other point be-
longing, but onely which is the next way to the
wood, whereas he hopes to finde his game, and
vnto that place he runnes or rides on headlong
in hope of some good successe; and when hee
comes there, he may no doubt haue such fortune,
as to haue his flight with speede yet all this while
he remembers not that hee hath a strange and
vnacquainted *Hawke*, or a company of vnruley
Spaniels, but he is certaine and knows right well
that

*A great er-
ror or over-
sight.*

that he bath good store, and also so many, as if there be but one Pesant in a reasonable Couart, one or another of them will spring him, or put him vp, which is all he takes care for. And when he hath so done, and his *Hawke* hath floene, the next course he takes, is, he sends his dogges before, himselfe posting them forward, with a lowde voyce, and crying, Goe rer, goe to the *Hawke* goe, as though they had as much wit as himselfe, and could mannage all things so well as he: and then, Haue after, he cryes to himselfe, and away he followes as fast as hee can, in hope to finde some comfort; but when hee cometh neere to his *Hawke*, as hee deemeſ, hee listeneth, and looketh, and findeth her sitting something low in a tree, looking downward, and prying to the ground in mournefull wise, as though ſhe were much displeased: at which ſight, withall, hee is ſomething amazed, and then beginneth to looke further about him, and ſearcheth busily and narrowly vnderneath, and round about her, miſtrusting that all things is not well; at laſt hee findeth a mention of ill fortune, as feathers, ſtumpes of wings, legges or feete; but the whole bodie, that would haue cauſed him to travell with a merrie heart homeward, and also haue ſerved for a chiefe and choice diſh at the table (that) is devouored: then hee beginneth to ſtamp, and in an angrie mood to conceiue of his owne errore, and that there hath beene a hot skirmiſh betweene the *Hawke*, a poore Pesant, and a con-

*Why be ſent
by dogges
before him.*

fused company of vnmannery tikes, wishing in his heart that the third part of them were all hanged : neuerthelesse there is some comfort, for there sits the *Hawke* still, as well as euer shee was, shee hath by good fortune not lost one member, shee was too wise, and more affraid then hurt, as it chanced ; shee thought it not fit to bide the brunt at such a battell, nor neuer wil thereaftir, shee will hold it rather better for her the next time to bee gone, as soone as shee heareth eyther dogge or what else soeuer, but to rustle within a pole of her. And after this maner there hath beeene many an excellent *Hawke* and dogge quite spoiled ; for the *Hawke* will euer after, out of her feare, leaue her prey ; and the hungrie and ravenous dogge hauing tasted of the sweetnesse thereof, will follow as fast and cunningly to haue it, so that they are both spoiled, and not one of them euer againe to bee re-claimed, without a speedie course taken with a halter for the dogge ; for that is meetest for a theefe, and such dogges be alwayes called rob-bets of *Hawkes*, and therefore are fittest to bee hanged : and for the *Hawke*, although her warning hath been great, and her feare to trust such enemies to come neare her any more ; yet neuerthelesse, with good vslage shee may be taught and made to forget it.

And after that maner and fashion, as hath bin heere formerly prescribed, as, with a judiciall Keeper, and discrete follower, faire flying, and

*A halter is
fittest for a
theefe,*

*A good ob-
sernation.*

two or three stanch and seruiceable *Spaniels*; and yet to make it more plaine vnto you, I say, hee that doth haste on his dogges, before himselfe, after any yong or strange *Hawke*, it is done rashly, vnaudisedly, and without any discretion or judgement, and hee taketh the cleane contrarie way; for it is his part, so soone as his *Hawke* is alone, to follow her as secretly as he may, without any noise, also as fast as he can, vntill he hath found her; when as, if shee hath killed it, hee is there then close by her, to guard and defend her, and may call for his *Spaniels*, and let them have vnderstanding what is befallen, that their desires may also be satisfied; and they may come so neere vnto her, as hee shall list himselfe, and no nearer, so that there shall be no offence at all committed, but all parts well pleased: on the contrary, if shee haue missed her flight, yet there he is readie to call his *Spaniels*, and say, in stead of Go ret, Heere ret: and although they haue all lost him in his race of running, yet hauing their hearing and smelling fences, they will quickly bee with him; so that when they doe come and reteriuie it, hee is readie to rate them, and gouerne all things to his owne liking: likewise, if it be put to pearch, also there he is ready to rebuke the dogges at the fall: so that these courses being well obserued and followed, will make any *Hawke*, of reasonable mettle, excellent. And when you haue made her never so good and perfect, yet in slacking of those thinges shee

*The Spaniels must
kyow what
they hunt
for.*

shee will be as quickly marred ; for the best of that kinde that euer did flye, will continue in goodnessse, and alter from the same , according as shee is ordered, flone, and followed.

*There must
be a conti-
nuance of
carefull v-
sage.*

But all this while wee haue forgot the poore *Hawke* , shee is left vaconsidered of, let vs returne backe and see what is become of her, shee was not wont to remoue or stirre from the mark or the man , but diligently to attend and waite his leisure; and when he thought fit time to haue her, shee would come downe most willingly to his fist.

But now he commeth to make triall of her, and after his accustomed maner, calleth for her, but hee perceiuthe the case to bee altered with her; for shee no whit regardeth his call, shee is so angry, and hath beeene so much offended, and euen in the same temper away shee goes , raling from one place to another, it may bee a mile or two before he can by any meanes come by her, say it is ten to one but shee will kill a Hen or two before he can take her vp againe : which if shee doe so, I leaue it to the carefull *OStringer* himselfe, to testifie and consider, what a trouble, with vexation of minde he is fallen into, and almost knoweth not, neither can imagine, how or which way to remedie it. And therefore seeing that those kinde of *Hawkes* of all other , are so subiect to take dislikes, and learne il conditions, it behoues every one that loues to keepe them, to be gharie of them, and carefull, especially at their

*The Hawke
is angry,
and the
Keeper not
well pleased.*

their first making and entering; for if they bee then wel made, wel entred and imboldened with the man, the dogges and their game, it will bee a hard matter afterwards to beate them out of loue so much, but that they may with skill and paines taking, bee reclaimed and recouered againe, whereas otherwise there is little or no hope at all to be had of them.

To imbolden the Hawke, and cause her take the Fesant from the pearch with courage.

I have yet omitted one course very requisite to be considered of, and that ought to be taken, to teach the *Goshawke*, and make her venter with boldnesse to take the *Fesant* from the pearch, which ought to bee practised and brought to perfection: before you do offer her to fly thereunto, you shall prouide a yong *Capon* or browne *Pullet*, and take with you to the wood; when you are disposed to cal her for her supper, and as shee is drawing and attending after you for the same, hauing a pole convenient, prouided before for the same purpose, and fit oportunitie and place, you shal call your *Spaniels* about you to make them bay, and suddenly breaking the necke of the Poultrie, you shall at an instant lift it vpon a bough, so high as the *Hawke* may well haue sight; there stirring it, and withall, as before, crying *Abay, abay* vnto her: at which noise, and as it were to see it flutter, no doubt but shee will come in and pull it downe; which if shee shall so doe, be sure that the dogges may, with somerebuke from your self, give her good leaue, & make way for her descending; then suffer

To keep the Dogges in awe.

fer her to plume and take her pleasure thereon, and nuzle her among the dogges, as you haue beeene taught before, and giue her bloud in the throat, and let her bee well pleased and rewarded on it: and in vsing this course but a while, it will make her so bold and venturous, as that she shall no sooner see a Fesant goe to pearch, but shee wll as soone and suddenly haue him by the eares, and pull him downe.

Also in vsing your art towards your *Spaniels*, with some words of threatening, and blowes with reason; it will also make them so vnderstanding, and in such subiection, as that you may boldly trust them with her alone in your owne absence, alwayes remembiring there may be no strangers amongt them, for of that you ought to be most carefull at all times; for one strange and vnruly dogge will put forward the best that be, and cause them to offend; and the *Hawke* also will suddenly know him, and give way with feare vnto him, so that he is sufficient to matre the rest, and the *Hawke* also: yet there be many men that never once thinketh or considereth of what dogges it is meete they shoulde *Hawke* withall, or suffer to hunt amongst their owne that they haue had prooef on, and knoweth to bee stanch and good: but certainly hee, whosoever hee be, hath not neede to take more care for any thing whatsoever belonging to his arte, then for that one thing; for three or foure good dogges that be stanch, and knoweth what

*Beware of
strange
Dogges.*

they should doe, is at all times better then three or foure couple that be vnruley and riotous, as you may well vnderstand, if you wil but marke; when you shall suffer but one more to hunt with them, you shall see when as they will range and beate of very purpose quietly and cunningly for the Fesant, and chalenge of no other thing: the other dogge will hunt every thing, or any thing that he first findeth; and not onely doe so, but also draw the other vnto him, and cause them to bawke the Fesant, that otherwise they would most certainly haue found. If this be so, as most true it is, then doe but consider what many such may doe: as also I doe not deny, but that they may all chance to spring together; yet if it fall out that they doe meeate at a bay, they will not onely themselues be readie to pull the Hawke in peeces, but also tempt the other, and set on them to doe the like, or at least to devoure the Fesant; that otherwise would neuer of themselues haue any whit offended.

*An excelleſt
diſh.*

Thus hauing according to this one rule and prescription, taught your Hawke this necessary and needfull lesson, you may bee bold to shew her the wilde Fesant, when you finde it convenient, and shee will be in all points readie to flye at him, and couragiously to make feazure, and prey vpon him without any feare.

*Enter her
firſt to the
Cocke.*

Also you must be carefull to enter her firſt to the Cocke, for as I haue often told you, all Hawkes be not alike in their disposition, but are

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of contrary natures, and therefore will require *Seeke out
the nature
of the
Hawke.* great and diligent attendance, and skill to finde out their properties: and the same being perfectly knowne, you may order your *Hawke* accordingly; whereas otherwise you shall commit many errors, and seldom make a good *Hawke*. Therefore, if you finde her at first to encounter boldly with him, you neede not doubt, being well pleased and blouded on him, afterward to let her take her pleasure and chance in drawing, and to fly at what riseth first, be it Cock or Hen. Contrariwise, if you perceiue her to be fearefull and cowardly, as not to buckle and kill him boldly, then with two or three dayes rest, and hard washed feede, prepare her stomach soundly, and put her to him againe, and leue not off your paines and practise, vntill you have made her to flye at him spiritfully, and kill him as boldly.

Some man before he hath vsed any manner of meanes, whereby hee may gesse or iudge of her, or what spirit or mettle is in her, will at very first put her vp to draw the Couart, thinking thereby to giue her some vantage towards her first entring: but many times hee is deceived in his expectation, for the Henne Fesant is as easily found as the Cocke; and the veriest dastard of that kinde will seldom refuse to flye at her, and also to kill her, and then being well blouded withall, her Keeper thinkes he hath done well, and his minde is pleased: but it is not so, for of *Great indis-
cretion.* *The veriest
dastard wil
kill the Hen
Fesant.*

tentimes it falleth out, that afterward with all the arte and skill he hath, he shall never force her to fyre the Cocke againe.

Thus with these rash and hasty courses, many *Hawkes* are quickly spoyled, which although at first they haue not so much mettle and spirit, with boldnesse appearing in them, neither by nature, as many other *Hawkes* haue; yet with good consideration of the same, and the carefull paines and skill of their Keeper, with due time adioined, they may be made very good *Hawkes*: and hee thereby shall iustly deserue more praysle and commendations for the perfect making of one such *Hawke*, then of ten other, that will at first out of their owne spirit and mettle fyre, and make themselves without, in a manner, any assistance at all from their Keeper.

*Worthy of
commenda-
tion.*

will be taught to flye by the side of a man, to be taught to flye by his owne selfe. **CHAR.**

CHAP. XVI.

*A noteworthy observation for the imboldening
of any Hawke, that hath beene rebuked or
discouraged by the Spa-
niels.*



Whensover in your recreation and sporting abroad with your *Hawke*, it shal be your happe to smete with such a *Fesant*, as will not, or otherwise is not able to rise againe after it hath beene hard stonne, but shal be there taken on the ground betweene the dogges and your selfe; doe not then by my aduice, seeke for any open or plaine place to take your *Hawke* downe vpon, but otherwise and immediatly it shal be your best course, to rebuke the dogges out of

*This order will present-
ly imbolden
her.* the way, and withall to throw the Fefant vp a-
lost vnto her, vsing your voyce withall, and
there let her trusse it
and fall with it to
the ground, and if
shee shall chaunce,
through any feare
or other occasion, to
lose or let it goe by
the way, as often-
times it commeth so
to passe; yet let her
haue it againe, or else

GO SHAWKE.



neuer to enjoy it any other way, vntill shee will
boldly doe the same without any feare at all, and
then draw in your dogges about her, and ac-
quaint them wel together; and for want of a Fef-
ant, vle her oftentimes after this matter to take
her downe with a pullet, amongst, or neere vnto
the *Spaniels*, with such care, as that they may
not any way offend her in the fall; and before it
belong, this order will so well imbolden her
with the fal, and encourage her to hold amongst
the dogges againe, as that shee will quite forget
all former ynkindnesse offered vnto her, and
trusse her prey againe boldly, without any feare
at all, being cuermore assured, that vpon any
such occasion, the stomacke may bee sharpe in
the highest degree, for that will sharpen also her
tallants, and cause her to hold fast indeed. And
without that one thing, there is no other course

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to be taken, or meanes to bee vied with her, for
shee will never be subiect to your will.

Also to vse your yong *Hawke* at her first entrance after the same manner, it will perfectly encourage her to the like, whensoever shee shall haue occasion, without any manner of feare at all; for it is only at the first entring, being not acquainted, the falling to the ground or bushes, neare vnto men or horses, and the *Spaniels* baying with their severall noyses, that doth terrifie her, and oftentimes after causeth the lose of prey from her foote: for of all *Hawkes*, shee is the most nice and choyce, and therfore will aske and require more skill and attendance at her first making, then any other whatsoeuer; and for want of such necessarie and iudicall considerations and courses, at that time, there hath bin many an excellent *Hawke* marred by her Keeper before slace haue been halfe made.

CHAP. XVII.

The Haggart Goshawke in particular.



Hus farre hauc I written and discoursed of the *Goshawke* in generall, and shewed that of all other kinds, shee is the wildest and most stoute *Hawke*, and that it is more difficult and hard at the first to draw her into true subiection, and familiaritie with the man, then any other whatsoeuer ; and that it is altogether in vaine

vaine at that time to commit her into the custodie or keeping of any yong or vncexperienced Keeper, that is not able through his iudgement and skill, to order her as shee ought to be.

And I am now come to the *Haggart*, in particular, as shee is diuided from the rest of her owne generation, and will speake somthing concerning her selfe, because there ought to bee some difference between them in the order and manner of dealing with them.

Shee is the absolute wildest *Hawke* of all, and will therefore deserue much more labour and skill in her reclaiming and perfect making, then any of the other: and therefore there ought to be had so much the greater care and attendance on her, with such or the like preparation against the time you intend to make her gentle, as I haue before prescribed vnto you.

For whereas it is an vsuall course with most men vpon the receipt of such a *Hawke* from the Cage, suddenly to make her gentle, by peppe-ring, watching, and other such like accustomed vses, without any former consideration or imagination, how vnfit her bodie may bee, to bee so suddenly striuen withall and over-heat with holding



*Of the
Haggart.*

holding and turmoiling in the hot water, that hath been rested, and therefore most like is charged and ouercharged with grosse imperfect farnesse, and other such like humors, which being so suddenly stirred and dispersed by immoderate and hasty dealing, may well hazzard her life; and for certaine many *Hawkes* haue beeue lost that way.

Wherfore I would haue you call to minde what order I haue formerly prescribed for such a *Hawke*; and that being well effected, then may you goe forward boldly after the same manner, and see there be no sparing of paines in carrying and other necessary courses, vntill you well perceiue by all signes of her good behauior towards you, that shee is gentle and well reclaimed.

Further, as touching her dyet, feeding, calling or other manner of outward or inward dealing, vntill shee be readie to fye; I shall not neede to meddle withall, because I haue before so plainly expressed the same, only I would haue you to obserue this one note; which is, that these kind of *Hawkes* being wilde, doe all naturally loue to feed on their prey in couart places, as where they may not be discried or seene, by other such birds of the ayre as loueth them not.

Also, and otherwife being reclaimed by the man, whensoever they doe take it in any champainge or plaine place, they will doe the like, and carry it to the next place of harbor, to be througued.

ded or shadowed there; so much and so often they haue beeene not onely taught, but also forced vnto it, being abroad and shitting continually amongst their enemies, that would, but that they dare not, persecute them for their vigour and crueltie, such is their malice towards them; and therefore neuerthelesse, will not cease with open crie to raile and wonder at them while that they may be seone, and oftentimes causeth them to forsake their prey.

*Crowes
Kites, and
all other
such ver-
mine.*

In this regard, when any one of these *Hawkes* hath after this manner safely shrowded her selfe, shee will sit very close, and presently fall to feeding: which euill course shee will continually hold, to the great trouble and vexation of her Keeper, vniess shee be with great care and skill well reclaimed from the same.

*A great in-
conuenience.*

Wherefore, during the time of her calling, it behoueth you to take this course with her, although you doe call and draw her by your chirping and whistle, along after you, thorow the thicke and couert places, the which is meete you should doe; yet doe not there take her to your fist to be fully latished, but let her still attene and waite on you, vntill you come to some plaine conuenient place, and there entertaine her in the best manner to the fist, and let her feede a little thereon; then put to her lease, and let her eate the residue on the ground close by you, and ha-
ving reserved some stumps or other such thing, take her to your fist againe, and so conclude with

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her for that time. Also forget not, but that you doe stoope gently to her on your knee, and quietly and softly conuey some bittes vnseene tarre off vnto her, that you giue her no cause of vnquietnesse, as to strike at your hand with her tallants: for those kinde of *Hawkes* will not endure to haue any such thing openly shewed, or offered vnto them; they will bee so sharply disposed and eager at the sight of it, and therefore there ought to bee much heed taken by the man in his behaviour towards them, and neatnesse vsed, with handsome and cleanly conueyances in all his outward dealings.

This course being well perfected with quiet and gentle vsage every day, so long as you doe call her, will so imboden her, and worke all manner of feare out of her, as that shee will neuuer after haue any desire to carry any thing from you: shee will grow so farre in love, and bee familiar with you; but will bee well pleased, and account her selfe safelie shrowded when shee hath your company, and is close by you.

Now when you haue after this manner thus kindly reclaimed and framed her to your will, it will bee good time to enter her to the field, and for that I haue before so plainly set downe and prescribed the order and manner how and which way to accomplish the same, I will omit to speake any more of that point, and proceede

onwards to the next.

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When as shee shall come to kill Partridge; then as I haue formerly aduised, you must bee sure to get gently in to her, hauing before provided her dinner or supper readie dressed; and as shee sitteth on the Partridge, bestow the same on her in bits, with neate and handsome conueyance, which will prolong her time in pluming, and stay the sharpnesse of her appetite and desire to feede, which is not fitte shee should doe; for it would cause her to loue that better they your selfe, and to bee loath and unwilling afterwards at any time to bee bereaued of it, and thereby will take occasion to carrie it from you, hoping to enjoy it to her selfe more secret and quietly; whereas otherwise this course will so please her, and draw her loue so certaine to you, as that shee will neuer after offer to carrie one feather from you.

Also, all this while giue no bloud at all, but with some reuersion take her to your fist againe, and there content her, and before it be long, shee will bee so constandy wonne and reclaimed to your will, as that shee will neuer covet or desire to carrie her prey any whit from the place where shee taketh it; neyther *I speak this by exper-* *shee ever breake it, so long as there is one fea-* *ence, and on* *ther left on it, but still attend for your com-* *my credite-* *ming, and to haue a reward onely at your hand.* *you*

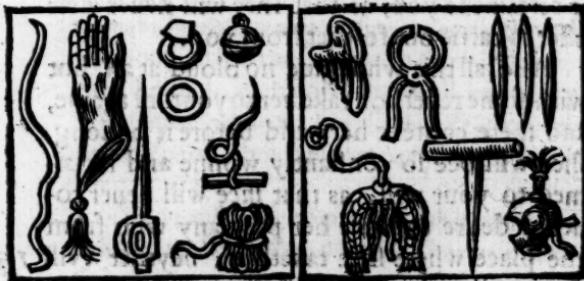
*Shee would
be pleased
alwayes
from your
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*In some
thicke ca-
nare.*

you doe at any time after finde her with a Partridge in her foote: then after good time spent in pluming, take off the head and necke, and glue it vnto her with the most part of her supper together; which when ffe hath eaten, and doth looke about her, take her to your fist, and so conclude with her.

CHAP. XVIII.

*That the Hawke being well entred, and in lone
with Partridge, ought not to be floned
to the Couart at all.*



SY² T is a rare thing to have a *Hawke* of this kind to be good to the field and couart both; and therefore if you perceiue your yong *Hawke* at her first making to be nimble

ble and wight of her wings, and also to set her loue on the Partridge, and thereon to take delight, which will easilie bee perceiued by her eager and fierce flying, with the ioy shee will take in it, and ioycond busynesse shee will haue with it, when she hath the Partridge in her foot: then this being well approued, it were great pittie to let her see the Fesant at any time, or at least to vse her to that kinde of game or maner of flight: for being a *Hawke* so eager and greedie of her prey, as they all in their owne natures bee, will desire and more delight a short flight, and to haue it speedie, then otherwise to couet or bee willing to pursue it, and hold out at length; which shee shall bee constrained to doe, if shee wil haue the mounting and styning Partridge to be at her command: and for the Fesant, by reason that he is a fowle in shew and other appearance, farre greater then the other: hee seemeth also in the manner of his flight, to be so much the more vnweildie and heauie, and flyeth not so farre as the Partridge doth; all which are great prouocations, and tempteth the *Hawke* to flye couragiously with more eagernes and spiritfull assurance to enjoy him, then the other; therefore his flight is of force, and sufficient to withdraw her loue cleane away, although shee hath beene otherwise well entred, inured, and blouded before: for the best *Hawke* of that kind, being wilde, and at her owne disposing, couereth not, if they may choose, to flye farre after

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 the Hawke.

the thing shee chiefly desireth to prey vpon, but
 most commonly vieth her policie by sudden
 and cunning stealing vpon the same, and what
 shee can winne after that manner sooneſt, and
 with least paines, the same ſhee moſt delighteth
 in; by which appeareth, when we haue them in
 our owne custodie and keeping, the beſt of them
 all may bee made bad enough through want of
 ſkill and knowledge, with other careleſſe viſage
 in her Keeper.

Contrariwise, who hath a true care and vnderſtanding in the arte hee profeſſeth,
 may through his labour and paine-
 full practiſe, make one offarre
 more baſer mettle to doe
 him right good
 ſervice.

Crab

CHAP. XIX.

*To teach the Goshawke to flye to the Wilde-ducke
or Mallard, that frequenteth the ponds or pri-
uate pittes; which is a good sport, and a
good prey when it is
taken.*



AS you know right well, in most Countries there bee many odde pondes that stand in close and secret places, as amongst shrubbes, or bushes, or otherwise inuironed with wood growing vpward, that hideth and obscureth the water from the sight and knowledge of any trauellers that passeth to and fro, vntesse they be such as perfectly knoweth them, or otherwise, those that by chance doth light

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The nature of the fowle vpon them. In these kinde of pooles the Mal-lard, with the Duckes his louing companions, doth take great delight and pleasure, there to re-pose and solace themselves privately together, to their great contentment and safe assurance against any enemy, that shall by stealth draw neare to betray them.

Now whereas I have formerly deliuered my opinion herein, that there is no *Hawke* of this kinde, in her wildnesse, but is able to shifte for her selfe sufficiently, and kill sundrie kindes of prey ; and afterward being reclaimed : wherefore then should not the man by his art, cause any of them to doe the like for him ? so that by this reason there is no excuse to be made for him that shall haue one of them in his hand a long time, to practise and worke vpon, and shal in the end say shee is a buzzard ; shee is of a bad carry, he can make her do nothing at all. To the which I answere, that such a one is more fit for some other calling, then to beare the title or name of eyther *Falconer* or *OStringer* ; for if shee may be made but to kill meate for other *Hawkes*, shee is well worthy of her owne, and there is some pleasure in it besides ; and for such a one as will neither be forced by the arte and industry of her Keeper, to kill the Partridge or Fesant, I wil here shew how shee may bee made not onely to purue for her owne or other *Hawkes* dyet, but also to give good satisfaction and content to her Keeper : and to accomplish and bring the same

to perfection, you must obserue well this order following.

When your *Hawke* is readie in all points to be fone, you must prouide you of three or four hand-fowle, if they bee not wilde, yet bee sure they may bee of the same colour, or as neare as you can, the which you shall let your *Hawke* on-ly flye at, and foote out of ones hand one after another, day after day, and let her plume and be well rewarded of them ; and when you perceiue that shee will doe thus with an eager and hot desire, as no doubt, but shee will very quickly doe in the highest degree of loue towards them; then you must prouide you of a fowle or two more, as you may easily doe, and also that will flye so farre as you shall haue neede : and when you purpose to goe abroad againe with your *Hawke*, send one before you with a fowle, and also your directions, to some close place of plumpe of bushes, where he may be very safetly shrowded from your selfe, and also the sight of the *Hawke*; then shall you follow after your selfe with her rightly prepared, with her stomacke sharply *Spurres* to edged for her prey : and when you come there *pricke her* close by the brimme or border of the thicket or *forward*. fore-pointed harbour, and hauing your *Hawke* readie for a sudden and delightfull encounter, you shall strike hard on the bushes with your pole, at which fore-knowne warning, the still couched messenger, shall with all his might tosse the fowle aloft vpright; which if shee doe with

courage take, an excellent catch-Ducke shee will make.

Then after this you may boldly goe to the ponds or pits, where the wilde fowle lies, and as before said, creepe as neere as you may, holding your *Hawke* as high as you can, and with your pole beate vp the fowle, when as they shall no sooner beginne to rise, but shee will be as readie at the sudden sowce to pull one of them backe againe; which if shee doe so, bee sure to crosse the wings of it, and let her take her pleasure thereon in pluming, and bee rewarded of the same, and after that she will not misse one flight that shee shall be fone to after that manner: also it will not be amisse to haue a dogge alwayes with you, for sometimes after the *Hawke* is well acquainted with the sport, shee will bee so nimble and quicke at the catch, that they will fall both into the water together, and by that

meanes the fowle may goe to plunge, so that then the dog may and will be readie to doe you good seruice, wherby neuerthelesse the *Hawke* may be serued and well pleased againe.

CHAP. XX.

To fye to the Wilde-goose or Hearon, to the Rooke,
the Mew, or any other such short flight, which
are to be killed at the sudden sorce, by the
policie of the Hawke that is not
swift of her wing to take
them otherwise



He most *Hawkes* of this kinde, doth naturally loue to prey vpon any of these things that I haue heere named, and therefore it is so much the easier to make one of them by arte to fye thereunto:

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neuerthelesse, on this consideration, that they in their wildenesse doe not altogether dispose themselves towards any one particular thing of them; nor settle their loues or desire onely on them, nor no more then they doe of the rest, or many other things that they also doe vse to prey vpon, as well as they: therefore if you will haue one of them to doe you seruice therein, and to be constant in her flight thereunto, you must not vse her rashly, as trusting wholly in her owne naturall disposition, or loue to the thing you would haue her to flye vnto. But you must give a further addition and assistance to the same, by your owne arte and cunning practise, extraordinarily to encrease and make it perfect withall; for there is no man of any vnderstanding, that hath a businesse of any importance to accomplish, that will goe rashly about the same, and without any consideration, thinke even so to effect it, but he will bethinke himselfe better of it, and cast which is the best way, and what course is fittest for him to take in it; and then hee will arme and prepare himselfe with discretion, to put the same in practise and execution; and no doubt, but then hee shall haue all things goe to his liking, and also good successe in the conclusion.

Euen so likewise when you haue taught your *Hawke* to goe, and to come againe vnto your fist, and that as you thinke shew is readie in all points to be stoned, yet it is not fit that then you goe

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loue.*

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goe with purpose to flye her, or to force her flye at what you list, or would haue her to kill: but you must further consider what kinde of things such a *Hawke* in her wildenesse doth vse to prey and liue vpon, and is possible for the man by his arte to make her vnto.

Then all this being well considered and thought on, you may make your choice, as of which one particular thing you would haue her most addicted vnto, and to loue better then the rest, for your owne delight and pleasure; so as if you thinke well euen of the *Rooke*, a fowle, which althoough there is not much worth in the thing it selfe, yet it will serue well for her owne or other *Hawkes* dyet: and also through this order and obseruation, you may bee instructed how to make her to other things of more importance and valem, as to any of those other things I have formerly named.

Therefore when you haue your *Hawke* ready in all points to flye, you must prouide you of some liuetraynes, the which you may easly doe, eyther in Sommer or Winter; then when you would enter your *Hawke*, let one of them haue the wing pulled or cut, and when you come into the field in some greene place or slade, let the same bee placed or sette downe thiere on the ground, and retire backe your selfe, with your *Hawke*, some fortie paces from it, or as you shall see cause, for you may draw neare vnto it againe at your owne pleasure; then take off her Hood, that

that shee may looke round about her, and finde where the traine is very like, busily disposed, as stirring, walking, or such like: then if shee doe flye to it, and take it, let her plume and bee well rewarded on it: and after this manner you must order her, vntill shee will finde the traine readily as it is walking, so farre off as shee may well see it, and goe as readily and take it after that fashion.

The traine.

Then the next time you intend to walke abroad, let your traine be a flyer, and placed at one end of a long creance, with a peg put slightly into the ground, only to stay it, and no more, some yard or two from the end, whereunto the traine is fastened; and at the other end of the creance a marke set whereby you may readily find it: then draw towards it, and vnhood your *Hawke*, that shee may see it; and when shee hath found it, and is gone from the fist well towards it, be sure to pull vp the peg, that when the traine shall see her well neare come at it, it may haue someliberie to flye, although it bee but neuer so little before shee doe take it.

Thus if you can after this manner in your discretion, let her kill some two or three more, and so order the matter with the creance, that when the *Hawke* shal be almost at it, eu'en then it may haue some reasonable scope to rise before shee can take it; it will so nuzzell her, as that shee wil not after misse the wilde Rooke or any other thing you shall after this manner make her vnto.

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The *Tassell* is farre more fit to be fone to this flight, or any other such small flight, then the *Hawke* is, and shee is meetest for the other great flights, as the *Goose* or the *Hearon*, and none but shee: I haue seene my selfe a *Tassel* that would very feldome misse one flight in ten, but would purue for many other

Hawkes; and which way soeuer he was carried, he was found certaine and sure in his seruice, and sau'd both man and horse much labour, and also what other charge belonged to that place, as shot and powder, with peece and such like; and yet he was neuer worth one groate for the Partridge: neuerthelesse for his other seruice in my owne estimation he right well deserued, not onely his owne sustenance, but also due praise and commendation. Also as I haue told you, after this manner you may teach the *Hawke* to kill the *Goose* or the *Hearon*, and shee will quickly grow farre in loue with them, if shee be well trained; yet the *Goole* is a strong fowle, and will oftentimes wrong a *Hawke* very much with her wings: therefore beware you giue no traines vnbrayld of both wings, vntill the *Hawke* be well blouded; so shall you bee sure to incourage her

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A good condition.

throughly, and preuent all danger that may otherwise happen in her making. For I did know right well my selfe one *Hawke*, that had one of her eyes cleane beaten out with the pinion of a Goose wing, and were oftentimes before very much bruised and beaten with them; for which cause it is not fit to flye thereunto without one Horse in the company, to haste in to succour and helpe the *Hawke*.

There be many of these *Hawkes* that be very large and strong, and withall as heauie and sluggish of their wings, and therefore will never hold out to any of the long flights, but altogether do shift and get their prey by subtilitie and craft; neuerthelesse the most of them are very hardie to seize on any thing. And these be they that are most fit to be made and taught to flye to these short and great flights, and to catch at the sudden sowce; which they will very quickly.

learne to doe with your owne arte, and affistance, because their owne nature doth very much direct and leade them even vnto it.

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CHAP. XXI.

of the Sparhawkē.



Onsidering that at first it was my speciall purpose to trate of short-winged *Hawkes*; and also in my proceeding, with them to ioyne some others, the which I haue not forgotten to speake of: so also let me bee no more vnmindfull of one demie creature, that for her spirit and mettle, is well worthy to march in the best company, and therein is nothing inferiour: The *Sparhawkē* I meane, which I haue knowne to be of great worth and estimation, for the well performing her seruice, with great delight and pleasure extended to her Keeper; as by her spirit

and policie to take any thing shée shall bee made to, and the manner how, as at the first sight of the thing wherewithal shē intendeth to encounter, to behold how, and in what maner shē first falleth flat to the fist, shewing thereby her imbecillitie and vnableffe of bodie, for such vngall matches: withall, as it were with discretion and deliberation, findeth her best aduantage; and so expecting the speedie presence of her Keeper, and his kinde assistance in the skirmish, away shē goeth couragiously, close by the ground and nimbly, to the wilde Crow, the Reeke, the Mewe, the Lapwing, the Ringdoue, the Housedoue on the lands, the Pie-annit, the brauing and chattering Iaye; and there is none of all these fowles, besides some others that I haue omitted, but after this manner shē will make subiect to her command, and yeeld to the mercie of her sharpe and piercing tallants. And for the Partridge, I haue likewise knowne her as great a commander, and to hold out, and continue all the Sommer time, as well as any other *Hawkes* would doe. And now on the contrarie (shē) poore prettie Birde, is of no request or reckoning at all, but is almost quite forgotten of all men: for the which they are much to blame vndoubtedly; for by experiance, I know, during that season, there is no better *Hawke* then shē, if shē be kept as shē ought to bee, high, lustie, and strong: but in these dayes the yong man hath so deeplye addicted himselfe to sloath and

and idlenesse, with drowsie sluggishnesse, and other wandering mutabilitie, as that he had rather dye then to meddle with a *Hawke* that will require either labour or attendance early or late, or any other time of the day, but will reclaime and make their *Hawkes* gentle with bating and hanging by the heeles, which is the cause, and for want of better guiding, that these poore silly birds be not able to performe their seruice, which otherwise they would doe; for you must vnderstand they be all but wretches, of little and small strength; and to haue any part of that diminished or taken away, it is not possible they should be able to maintaine their flight: but otherwise, to bee strongly kept in the Hood, and alwayes fلوne from the same, shee is a molt excellent *Hawke*, and will kill more Partridge in one day, then the best long-winged *Hawke* will doe in two; and shee is for every place, you need make no difference of thicke or thinne. And for her dyet, that would be of the daintiest meate you can get, vntesse in other times of rest, and also then, not forgetting to wash it wel and drie it againe, especially if shee bee mued: likewise against shee is to flye, shee must bee prepared after the same manner, with a short cut to put a perfect edge on her, and then shee will flye after the best manner; and no *Hawke* with more spirit and mettle then shee. Also shee would not be fلوne in the morning, vntesse shee bee prepared ouer-night with a short and cleane supper.

for the purpose, and then shee will flye for her owne reward, and content of her Keeper. Likewise, you ought to haue alwayes a prettie box about you, full of fresh Butter, mixed with a little Saffron and Sugarcandie, to giue with her meate now and then, or to eate out of the box; which shee will doe with great delight, and it will keepe her head euermore loose, and in good temper, and also prevent the Cray, and keepe her proud and full of spirit.

CHAP. XXII.

Of the Lanner and Lanneret.



Am now come to speake of the *Lanner* and *Lanneret*, which although they bee a kinde of *Hawkes*, I neuert tooke much delight

delight in, yet I will shew you my opinion, and what otherwise I haue gathered by my little practise and obseruation from them.

Then first giue mee leaue to let you vnderstand, that in my obseruation they are all by nature and kinde, of a hard and dull disposition, apt to doe little good of themselues, nor otherwise, but what they are forcibly compelled to doe, by their Keepers ordering of them. And for the *Lanner* her selfe, in my lifetime I haue heard heere and there one of them that hath beene called or accounted good; but as one Swallow maketh no Sommer, so one particula-ritie concludeth no generalitie: also and otherwise, the best good shewed by them at any time, in the little experiance that I haue had of them, doth alwayes appeare without true delight, after a tedious and base toyling kinde of fashion, and in my opinion farre vnfitt to give a Gentleman content in his sport and recreation: and so I will cease heere to speake any more in generall, but especially in dicommendations of them, lest I should seeme offensiuе to any, or to daunt the yong *Fauconer*, or him that most of all for their sowndes and long-lasting, desires to practise and be dealing with them: but what was it that I said before? did I say that I would euen so leaue them? surely that were not well done of mee, I must needs confess; and it shall goc hard neuer-thelesse, but I shall finde in my memorie some cause, wherefore I should not altogether so for-sake

fake them, but rather to make some amends, it is otherwise meete I shoud do something in praise particularly of them.

CHAP. XXIII.

Of the Haggart Lanner.



S the *Eyes* of this kinde exceedeth other *Hawkes*, towards their Keeper, in loue and gentlenesse, euen so doth the *Haggart* of the same nature, as farre surpassee the rest in exceeding wildenesse, and are very hard to be reclaimed; and therefore whose hap it shal be to meet with any of them, he must take extraordinarie time and paines to make them gentle; and also all the luring time the like course

course must be vsed, and see that shee be taught
and made to come perfectly to the Lure, onely
garnished with hard washed meate, and that be-
sides shee may receiue the better part of her re-
ward in bittes at your hands ; euen as you were
to order the *Faulcon* : and afterwards during her
trayning, there must bee much time taken, and
otherwise the very selfe-same ordering and out-
ward manner of dealing, that I haue formerly
appointed for the *Haggart Faulcon*, in any other
booke of Hawking : so that it were but in vaine
for mee to set downe any other particular pre-
scription ; and no doubt, but with such well go-
uerning, and good time taken, they may make
good *Hawkes* : it was neuer my happe, to my
remembrance, to see any more then one Cast of
them , and they neuer came to any perfection,
but euen were destroyed through their owne
coynesse, and their Keepers ouer much haste and
rashnesse, and also his hard dealing in their diet,
and with too much stoening : and so I will
ceasē to say any more of them, but
will proceed to the other of
the same kind.

CHAP. XXIII.

Of the Ramage Lanner to the Field.



Here be many of these *Hawkes* that hath reasonable spirits and mettle remaining in them, and doth sometimes proue good *Hawkes*, when it is their happes to light into their hands that hath judgement and knowledge to reclaime them.

Also in my obseruation they are very Ramage and coy *Hawkes*, and therein do differ very little or nothing from the *Haggart Faulcon*, and it is as easie a matter to reclaime the one as the other; nay otherwise I hold it in generall, rather easier to make the *Faulcon* in every respect more fit to be flone to the field then shee; they be so different.

different in their natures ; for example, the *Faucons*, although they are not all of one dispositi-
on, yet almost the
very worst & stub-
bornest in nature of
the kinde, will bee
made to become
tractable & louing,
both vnto man,
horse, and dog, with
gentle and louing
vsage, in due time
bestowed on them.

For they are composed of a farre more choyce
and delicate mettle, in respect of their bodily
constitution, and also are louing and kinde, euen
in their owne nature, as it were altogether dis-
claiming their former course of wilde living, and
wholly subiecting and submitting themselves
to the man and his direction, in all francke and
freenesse, with a maine and spiritfull perfor-
mance of their loue and service to their Kee-
per,

On the contrarie part, the *Lanner*, as shee is
nothing inferiour to the other in ramage and
wildenesse, so is shee more hard of ward and of
a farre more strong and sound constitution, and
yet will not bee drawne by any gentle dealing
to doe any thing, or to bee pleasing to the man,
but will euermore deserue to haue spurres put
to her dull disposition, to pricke her forcibly for-



ward to performe her dutie ; and yet when you haue done the best you can, as manned her , lured, trayned and stayed her ; all which to effect, I can prescribe no better course then the very same that I haue spoken of , or taught in my other Booke, for the *Haggart Faulcon* onely, and excepting her dyet, for that must be considered of, with hard washed meate and stones, more or lesse , as you shall finde her naturall inclination ; for you must vnderstand that they are not all alike , but doe differ as much as others doe ; and therefore ought to be regarded thereafter.

Now when you haue thus farre foorth effected your desire, yet haue you not well concluded with her , vnlesse you bee mindfull of this one thing, and also haue well perfected the same ; which is, that through your paines and skilfull practise you doe well stay her, and by your arte also restraine her from dragging or carrying any thing from you ; the which ill qualitie, there is no one *Hawke* more subiect vnto then shee.

Therefore , to prevent the same ; first, you must beware, that if shee but once onely knoweth the Lure, that you lure her no more ; but once at one time, and let that suffice , although you take the more time to make her, which shall bee the more for her good; for otherwise it will hazard the spoyle of her, or any other *Hawke* you intend to make to the field ; for so soone as shee

shee once knoweth the Lure, shee will settle her loue on it, and desire to hold it, and will be loath to be taken vp from it to bee lured againe, and will quickly grow fearefull to let you or any other man to come neare her, lest shee should be deprived of that which shee chiefly desireth to enjoy, and will dragge and couer to carie it from you.

Also during the time of her luring and trayning, you had need be carefull to order the businesse so, as that shee may haue her reward, for the most part, at your hand in bits, onely refering some small quanttie to take her to your fist withall: and all this while you must haue your *Spaniels* close by you, as shee is on the ground, and every day acquaint them well together; for they bee *Hawkes* of all other that bee most coy and fearefull to suffer any dogges to come neare them.

Also at her first entring you ought to haue but few dogges, and such as be both coole and gentle, vntill shee bee well entred and also acquainted with them; and then shee will bee out of all danger, although shee should afterwards at some times bee put besides her prey, yet shee will not be beaten quite out of loue, or discouraged therewith, but euen slightly will account of such an accident, because shee had beeene so kindly vsed and nuzled amongst them before; whereas otherwise for want of this kind of carefull ordering and gouerning at the first, if shee

should chance to take any fright or sudden feare with a dogge, shee would neuer abide them againe, being a *Hawke* so coy and apte vnto it, and also strong and well able to carry her prey away: shee were quite and for euer made; for shee wil too soone know her owne strength, and whensoever shee shall haue a Partridge in her foote, shee will suffer neither man nor dogge to come neare her, but shee will carry it away and prey vpon it; which if shee shold doe but onely once, that is as much as one hundredth, for shee will neuer be reclaimed from it. And this is the onely fault the *Ramage Lanner* is subiect vnto, and also the best end of as many as falls not into a carefull, skilfull, and painfull Faulconers hand.

CHAR.

CHAP. XXV.

*Of the Ramage Lassner for the
Riuer.*



T cannot be denied but that there hath beene *Hawkes* of this kinde, both vpward and high flying, and also stowt and tough of their wings to maintaine the same. And I haue as often maruelled with my selfe what the reason shoulde be, that in my time no man (of my knowledge) hath euer made triall what perfection such a *Hawke* might be brought vnto for the Riuer, considering they be also hardie enough. Likewise I doe very well remember, that when I was but very young of yeares my selfe,

selfe, I heard an ancient Gentleman report, that in former times they were vsually fone thereunto, and were held in great estimation for the same ; and in those times the *Haggart Falcon* was not knowne : He likewise affirmed that hee had a *Lanner* himselfe that would flye very high and very long, even like vnto the wilde *Hobbie*, the which was bred in Molton Parke : and in drawing through the young springs, himselfe and his *Spaniels* in a Forrest where hee liued, as he often vsed to doe, with his *Hawke* high flying ouer him, he hath sometimes put vp fowle vnto him that vsed to lye in plashie or waterie places in the said Groues or bushie closes, the which she would not misse, but kill one of them at her down-come. Also at other times the *Fesant cocke*, the *Woodcocke* and the *Partrige*; and for these things that I haue named, there could not any of them come to her amisse, such was the excellency and goodnesse hee had brought her vnto through his plaine and simple skill : for of my owne knowledge he was no Falconer, although he had some loue and little vnderstanding, as many others haue that likes well the sport. Now if this were true, as I doe verily beleue it was, for that hee was a man, as I haue told you, truely auncient, and of good reputacion : wherefore then should not wee in these daies and times of more experiance, & greater knowledge, in some sort, shake off this habit of floath & idlenesse that we haue been trained vp and

and nuzled in this many yeares? and summon our wits and deuices together, not only to teach vs tread the path of our ancient friends, and imitate their iuentiones, but also well to applaud them for the same with due respect to their iinstrutions? But some man may replye and say, Wherefore should wee so much trouble our selues with such dull metted humours as they bee, that will aske so much labour and paines about them, before they can be brought to any perfection? There is the braue spirited *Haggard Falcon Gentle*, shee will bee reclaimed and made with a trice; and shee is of a louing disposition, and also as franke and free of her mettle: and therefore if wee will bestow on her but one three weekes, or a moneths well luring and training with Doues to cause her to loue vs, shee will be wholly wedded to vs, and will not away. And moreouer, shee will as sodainely vnderstand what shee should doe; for shee will not require much iinstruction. And this is the bird worthy of due commendation. To the which saying I yeeld, and will say no lesse, for I can no way wisely dispraise her; for if I should, I must doe both my selfe great wrong, and her also, that before I haue so highly commended: but thus farre giue me leaue to answere, as it is in some sort truely said, and may also be as well performed with some *Hawke*, so is it on the other side, as slightly and simply answered; and it is as commone in these dayes with every nouice

The nouice.

of little or no vnderstanding, that hath but new-
lic gotten his arte onely in his tearmes and phra-
ses, and for any other reason they haue or can
allege about such a *Hawke*, or of what else be-
longs vnto her, but onely that common saying
by euery one of well louing the *Haggart*. I haue
knowne in my time many Shepheards resorting
to Hawking places, that I durst haue vnderta-
ken to haue taught any of them with a few
plaine instructions in one fortnight to haue per-
formed as much so well as they, with some
Hawke of the kinde, although there be some o-
ther of the same generation that will put twenty
wiser men then they to their shiffts: but I would
very faine heare of one of these selfe conceited
young men that would somewhat withdraw
his affection from these kinde of *Hawkes* that are
so easily, and with little paines reclaimed, and
will in a manner as they suppose, even make
themselues. I would see him to vndertake the
Ramage Lanner, and with all his wisedome make
her seeme a Faulconers *Hawke* to the brooke,
that will not make her selfe neyther be framed
by another without both labour and skill indeede:
truely hee should deserue much com-
mendations for his well performing of this busi-
nesse: and more then for any such wherein as
hee deemeſ is not required much *Art*, paines,
or any great attendance. And for him that will
bend his minde, and will be willing to practise
heeſein, I will ſhew him my aduice, and the
best

best directions from my author, or owne vnderstanding that I may afford him.

It is not vndeynowne but that the best metted *Hawke*, and highest flier of any kinde, may bee abused and drawne downe farre from her wondred gate, as eyther with too much flying, or too hard feeding, as to be wearied, or as it were tyred out with too often and ouermuch toyling, or otherwise with hauing too great an edge and appetite set on them with impouerishment, proceeding from too straight a hand kept on them in their diet and feeding. And for certaine, the most of the *Lanners* kinde are spoyled these wayes, and drawne cleane from their wings, and forced to fye about the mans head, and goe to stand, and therefore although they be all of a hard kinde, yet they are not all alike, but do differ in their natures as much as others doe, which ought to be well respected, and especially noted, the difference betweene the good metted *Hawks* and the bad, and to be ordered thereafter, and yet not in any sort it is meet they shoulde be starved; for there is no *Hawke*, and especially of this kinde, that is too much pinched, but will leaue and give over



*Neither too
much at one
time, nor too
little at an-
other.*

that thing which she should fye after, and take
paines for, and more willingly returne backe to
him againe that shee knowes well, hath, and al-
so will, on little cause in the end reward her: and
therefore when you haue your *Hawke* full and
in good temper, the best course is and will bee
for you so to keep her. And let her diet be such,
and the quantity thereof with a hand certaine
and steadily kept on her, as that it may main-
taine health and strength to preserue her; for hee
that hath not so much discretion as to consider
of this order, and to gouerne and to vse this
Hawke thereafter, shall never haue her to fye cer-
tainely, but euen as she is fed disorderly, so shee
will performe her seruice as carelesly. And
this one other thing you ought to take notice
of, which is, that as you doe first vse these kind
of *Hawkes* in their luring and training to their
diet and feeding, so shall you for the most part
 finde by them in your further practise and dea-
ling with them. Therefore when you shall haue
one of them to deale withall, and that in her ma-
king you doe finde her apt and forward to your
liking, let her not be much pincht howsoeuer
you doe in her diet and feeding: and also bee
carefull to take good time in her training, with
Douses giuen in a long creance for a while, that
shee may kill them close by you vntill her coy
behaviour and wildnesse be ouer, and shee bee
growne familiar, and will suffer you without a-
ny coynesse or flaring to come in to her: Also
let

let her be fed and rewarded of the same Doues
shee kills, or with some other such good meate,
onely it beeing hot, let it be a little washt as it
were to giue a *Faulcon*, and no more; for you
shal not need to carry so hard or straight a hand
as if you intended to fyfe her to the field. And
with this course of so well making, and other
such necessary ordering, with casting and ston-
ning, as I haue formerly taught, belonging, you
shall keepe her full, and lofty of life and spirit to
hold her wings withall. And also if by nature
there were euer any vpwardnesse or high flying
in her in the time of her wildnesse, she will both
shew it and hold it, you may be assured of it;
and then you may put her to the Riuier, and ha-
ving a good make-*Hawke*, you shall well quar-
rie her, and then she will be worthy the accoun-
ting of; and the *Faulconer* that hath so made her
shall haue his due praise and commendations
for his labour and paines-taking so artificially
with her: whereas otherwise if shee prove not a
high flyer, yet there is no labor lost; for she
may quickly change her dyet, and with
a straier order cause her to scratch.

amongst Spaniels for the Par-

tridge, which will also

well counteruail

his labour.

CHAP. XXVI.

Of the Ramage Lanneret for the
Riuers or Field.

LANNER.



Here is not much more to bee said for the *Ramage Lanneret*, then hath beeene hiecre prescribbed, and is spoken of the *Lanneret*, for what method or order soever is meere and fitting for the one, the very same serueth directly for the other, and he also being well maned, losed, trained and made inward to the man, may be also flied to the Riuers; for very many of them are very spiritifull and vpward *Hawkes*, and being well quarried, proueth very sure & certaine *Hawkes*, and

and good fowle-slayers, and are very fit to bee
vied as leaders.

These *Hawkes* ought to be kept as high and
full of flesh as may be, neuerthelesse there ought
speciall regard to be had to the stomack alwaies,
that with cleane feede, casting, and stones often
(that) may be held perfect to cause him main-
taine and perform his seruice after the best man-
ner. But whosoeuer can by his Art and labour
best reclaine and make them to loue and be fa-
miliar with the *Spaniels* he shall vse, and esteeme
of them as most meetest for the field, and the
equallest match for the Partridge, but they are
for the most part very coy and fearefull of the
Spaniels.

Yet neuerthelesse of my owne knowledge, if
you can bee charie of them at the first entring,
and vntill they be well blouded and in loue with
their game, although afterward they shold
sometimes by an vnruyl *Spaniell* be deprivid of
their prey, yet they will slighty account of it,
and remaine neuerthelesse still constant in their
loue to the thing they formerly tooke delight
in, if you will remember, and alwaies be mind-
full, as I haue often told you, of the stomacke,
that it may be hot and fiery, whiche wil compell
them onely to minde their seruice, and not to
regard the sight of the dogs, or any other thing;
for you must especially consider, and further be
mindfull, that the Partridge time is in the som-
mer, which is alwaies inclined to heate and hot

*The Para-
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weather,

weather, and therefore you must feede so much the cleaner, and wash the harder to hold him in true subiection withall; whereas otherwise the other sport is in the winter, when as it is farre more sharpe and colder: which must likewise be thought on, and your *Hawke* be ordered thereafter, and fed so much the better.

And who so will attaine true vnderstanding, ought evermore to be mindfull of the difference of times and seasons, and well to obserue them, and then hee shall bee well able to gouerne his *Hawke* by Art and discretion; wheras otherwise in being forgetfull thereof, or hauing little or no vnderstanding of those things, he shall not be able to rule them by reason; for being as they are birds of the ayre, whiche holds seldomme certaine, they must be dieted and gouerned according to the changeable or constant temper of the season, in sommer or winter: and therefore if you doe well bethinke your selfe, it is no easie matter, for every one to order and gouerne certainly, such (a body) and hold it alwaies in temper, that is so mutabile, and euer altereth as the wether; but he must be expert in his Art, and also his Crafts-master: and so I will
cease to say any more of the *Re-
sage*, and proceed to the
Eyes, of the same
kinde.

CHAP. XXVII.

Of the *Eyas Lanner, or Lanneret.*



Will now conclude with the (*Eyns Hawke*) by which appeares a difference betwene them in their seuerall natures, as well as in their contrary names or titles; all which I shall not neede to speake of any fur-
ther in this place, neyther would it be any whit auailable so to doe, but will proceed as breefe as I may, and out of my owne knowledge and vnderstanding, gathered euen by little practise and obseruation, shew how shée ought to bee made ready to be flone to the field.

And whereas I haue formerly aduised that in all sorts and kindes of *Hawkes* you ought first to consider

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consider of their generation: Secondly in your farther labour and practise to finde out their nature, and how therein they are inclined: and thirdly, that being rightly and well perceiued, then to frame and fashion by Art and discretion your manner of course and dealing with them, according to the same. Likewise for this *Hawke* lastly and particularly heere mentioned, you must consider that she was taken out of the nest very young, and after closely kept, fed, and familiarly trained vp onely by the man, whereby of necessity she must needs altogether forget her naturall damme that bredde her, and become loving and fond on him that brought her vp: Also this manner of breeding must needs cause her to differ much in the inclination of her body from the other, which as you haue heard were bred and trained vp by their damme after another fashion. Wherfore as your former drift and desire was only by your Art and industry to reclaime them from their wildnesse, and draw their lones constantly vnto you. So now on the contrary you must bee as chary that in your teaching and training, you doe not altogether besot this *Hawke*, that is in her owne nature too foolish and fond of you already.

And for that I shall not need to prescribe any rule or order for the reclaiming, luring, or any other thing concerning her first handling, I will proceed to the next instruction, which is this: when shee will come rudely to the lure garnishe

with

The Haggart or Ramage Hawkes.

with meat, and also flye about you for the same: then let her kill two or three liue Dones at the Lure where they may haue some little scope to flicker and stirre about, whereby to giue her the more cause & incouragement to come to them; which when she will do readily, & with an earnest desire prey vpon them, let her haue no more after that fashion; but the next time when she is prepared well for it, let her bee lured from man to man, and as shee is comming giue her a field Done in such a creance as you know it cannot carry quite away from you: then if she do rude-ly and eagerly flye after that and kill it, let her bee well rewarded on it; but after that let her haue no more voward traines giuen vnto her, nor any other that shee may see to come from the man; for they be such things onely that be-sets, and absolutely spoyle all those kinde of *Hawkes*. For in euery mans vnderstanding that hath any discerning or obseruing knowledge, their bodies bee tempered with mettle of such induration, as that their owne natures will afford and permit them eu[n] to liue of any thing; which is the reason they want spirit and courage, and therefore are for the most part of a drowsie and dull disposition; and what they are first caught and brought vnto, the same they will euerlastingly cleave vnto, whether it bee good or bad, as to the very Lure and Hawking bag, with hauing or receiving too much kind-nesse, although but in scraps from them; they

will bee so tied and ixtangled in their loue and desire towards them, as that afterwards with all the paines, Art, and skill that a man hath, hee shall neuer bee able to withdraw their feruent loue so deeplye planted there, to bee set on any other thing, or placed otherwhere.

My meaning or intent is not to tye or binde you to this strict limitation with every *Hawke*, as iinstly to appoint how many Doves to give and no more; but still do desire that you should be mindfull, and alwaies remember the difference betweene the good metled *Hawke* and the bad, and so to vse them in their training and e-very other way; but howsoeuer they shall appeare to you, neuerthelesse by my aduice give as few traines as possible you may to any field *Hawke* of this kinde, for the forelaid occasions, but eu'en so soon as they be taught to catch first readily on the Lure, let them haue the rest given yaseld with some few feathers drawne from them, that they may kill them alwaies by the ground, without any mounting at all: Also from the fist, and out of the hood; and then so soone as shee will flye and trusse readily that way, leaue off that course, and shew her Partridge, and if it bee possible, let her haue some few from the hand, after the same manner: and there is no question but with this course rightly obserued, and well followed, you may make euen the veriest fleg of the dullest spirit, to become a good *Hawke*, as well for the field and the

Partridge, as otherwise to hold out and purue a traine to the end from the mans hand.

I know there will bee an expectation at my hand of some rules of Physicke for these kinde of *Hawkes*, and the best answere that I neede to make vnto it, is this : First, there is no sound *Hawke* whatsoeuer, that shall haue need of any such thing, vnlesse it bee to confound her, that otherwise would doe well ; and for these kinde of *Hawkes*, it goes hard with them when they shall haue any such occasion : and therefore by my counsell, let every man that hath his *Hawke* sound and well, striue and bee carefull to keepe her so ; for it is farre more easier to doe so, then when he hath through negligence or euill order abused or put her out of temper, to amend her with Physicke againe: neyther can he euer do it, vnlesse in some appliment for an apparent outward accident ; but otherwise, for any inward medicine, let it be euuen cleane feed, well washt, and stoned with discretion, and once in a weeke to the full and hard *Hawkes* and on a resting day, ioyne some salendine with them, to cleanse and purge her of such glut, and other imperfection as those *Hawkes* be most subiect vnto, and haue gathered, with rest or full feeding before.

Likewise for the *Goshawke* or *Tassell*, I have put you in minde already, that they also be free from diuers dangerous diseases that are ordinary and common with other *Hawkes*, as to be apparently liver-shot, or to haue the *Fellanders*, or

the Crocke, with others more ; and to speake
truely, if it bee their



fortunes to light
first into a wisemans
hand, he will keepe
any of them euen
all her life time,
which are many
yeeres, and she shall
neuer haue surfe,
sicknesse, or any one
disease or other be-

fall vnto her, vntesse it bee by some strange acci-
dent, as in her flying through blowes, brushes,
thornes or such like, which is no way to be pre-
uented by her keeper, for that she is then vnder
her owne government and disposing ; for they
be all of so strong and sound a constitution af-
ter they bee once mued, as that they are euer-
more preserued and kept in health by the very
force, strength, and vertue of their owne nature,
by reason whereof there is little cause why they
should be medicined at all.

And whereas I haue heretofore discoursed
& shewed sufficiently of them in every respect,
as how to take them from the new beeing fat
and full, or otherwise from the cage, or else-
where, and how to order them accordingly
without any medicine or scouring at all: And
whereas many men holdes an opinion, that
when they haue drawne their *Hawke* from the

new

mew, it is not possible to make her cleane and ready to flye without two or three scowrings in the meane while : I thinke I haue said enough for that before , and also shewed farre a better way , and therefore I shall not neede to say any more in this place; and also let mee aduise every young man that wishes well to the sport, and would be a *Fauconer* , that hee doe neuergive any manner of scowring or medicine to a sound *Hawke*, how fat or full soeuer shhee be ; for there is an olde rule or saying in *Physicke* , which is, *The whole needes no Physition*: and for the *Hawke* I can maintaine it , for I neuerg yet knew that euer it did good to any one , but otherwise hath much distempered them , and hazarded their lives ; nay otherwise taken it quite away , that else before were in no danger at all. Neuerthelesse , for that every one is not of the same opinion , but doth otherwayes dispose of himselfe , and determine to practise on very little or no occasion: I will here for such greeves as these kinde of *Hawkes* be subiect vnto , set downe

so many medicines , as through occasion I haue found by experiance to be most conuenient and necessary to be applied or giuen vnto them.

*Latbams approued medicines,
incident to all Hawkes mentioned
in this Booke.*

CHAP. XXVIII.

Of the cold in the head, or the Rye.



For all the diseases that belongs to these *Hawkes*, there be onely three that they be most subiect vnto; which is the *Rye*, the *Cramp*, and the *Craye*; and being once taken and continued any season, they will be very hard euer after to bee recovered: Therefore the best way will be for the keeper euermore to be mindfull and carefull to preuent their infection, before any of them hath laid holde, or seized on his *Hawke*; which he may very easilly doe if hee will bee mindfull and watchfull ouer them, and through his foreseeing knowledge bee carefull to auoid the occasion. All these infirmities be in a manner taken one way, and proceede of one cause, which is cold, and after this manner they bee engendred: the *Cramp* and the *Rye* followeth after the *Hawke* hath beeene hard alone and laboured, especially in the winter time, in wet and drye, when as afterward they bee set vp or

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downe to rest the night time, in some moist or damp place, low, neere vnto some earthen floore; wherefore it is necessary that you bee-
uermore carefull to set them vp as high as you
can in such places, and vpon some thing or o-
ther that they may rest warme vpon, after their
bodies and blood hath beeene extraordinari-
ly heat and chafed, to preuent that danger; for
they will not brooke to sit in the night time
neere to the moist earth as other *Hawkes* will
doe, and it hath oft times caused the *Crampe* to
lay hold vpon euery ioynt and limme of the
whole body; and for that I haue already written
so largely of the same disease, and what may be
done for the recovery of it, I will heere say no
more, but that the best course is through care
and diligence to secke to preuent the comming
of it. Also for the *Rye* that is taken through the
same occasion, and is a fast-setled griefe & stuf-
fing in the head; and will, if it be not quickly
found, and as sodainely lookt vnto, grow cy-
ther to a drie frownce or a wet, or otherwise a
continuall moist humour, which will hardly be
euer cured; for example, I had a *Hawke* sent
me the last Michaelmas from Sir *William Wood-*
dowes, winking of one eye, the which proceeded
of a continuall cold in the head as I plainly per-
ceiued; and after I had a little loosened it by one
couer that was growne in the cheft of his Pallat,
and another close by his eare, on the same side
that he winked on, which I took away; and also
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was inforced to burne one of his nares to open
that which was quite stopt vp; I vsed all the
meanes I could to purge and cleanse it, and hee
cealed not every other day to throw and cast
out some filth, and in time so much, as it is not
to be imagined or spoken of, during the time vn-
till after the Christmas following, and then it
ceased and dried vp on the sodaine. This plain-
ly shewes what a fault and ouer-fight it is in any
man that wil not when he may, so easilly prevent
such things before they doe come, or otherwife
when they are taken to be carcles and vnmind-
full to espie them, but to let them run and grow
on vntill they be vre recoverable; therfore when-
soever you shall by any meanes haue such a
Hawke that is any whit sturt in the head,
look that you deser no time to breake it,
lest further or the like inconuenience
doe grow thereon as I haue shew-
ed you, and for recovery
thereof, this will be
your best course.

CHAP. XXIX.

Of the Rye or stuffing in
the Head.

First, you must bee very carefull that she may alwaies sit warm, and especially in the night time, & also that she may euermore be fed with hot meat, and fire as often as may be; for it likewise give her now and then at euening with her meat, 2, or 3, bruised cloues of mace; the which is one very good thing against the same disease, and will also sweetly perfume her whole body and breath, and sharpen her appetite: also vse her to fresh butter that hath beeene quickly gathered, and shall be well clarified ouer a chafing-dish of coales, with a little Rue and Saffron in powder, and good store of Sugarcandie well tempered altogether; let her haue this with her meate euermore a little at a time, and it will presently loosen her, and cause her to snite and throw with her head; which when you perceiue, then take the iuyce of Dazierootes, and with a straw blow it hard into her nares a pretty while before yon intend to feede her; then afterward when she is at quiet againe, let her haue her dinner.

her in her foot that she may lyer well on it, and this will certainly amend her; for although this iuice of Dazies is a common medicine, yet it will purge and cleanse the head being loosened before as well as any thing whatsoeuer. Blow into her nates with a straw, the iuyce of Sage three mornings in the weeke; it is very good to draw downe tough slime out of the head. I could set downe diuers other things more stronger, but in them there is some danger; and in this there is none at all, but will worke to good purpose, and cause a good conclusion.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXX.

of the Craye.



His disease or infirmity that wee call or terme the *Craye*, is of an exiccatiue or astringent qualitie, drying & binding in the *Hawke*, which causeth her not to mite or slice from her according as naturally shee ought to doe, but otherwise to drop farre short some part of it dispersit asunder from the other; & also passes not clearly with ease, but comes harshly and hardly from her; all which signes and shewes are apparant and easie to bee perceiued. And therefore the keeper is so much the more to be blamed that shall deferre any time, and suffer the cure thereof to be neglected; for by that meanes the griefe is growne to be more dangerous and deadly: whereas otherwise it is of no moment, but may bee very easily amended; for you are to remember that this particuler infirmity procedes also of cold, as the other doth that I haue before named, but yet after another fashion: For I let you know before, that *both the Cramps and the Rye* commeth by taking cold: And this which now I speake of, is taken by a continuance of grosse and cold walsht meat that

that is giuen the *Hawke* to feede vpon, which this kinde will not endure or last withall ; for it will consume them inwardly where it cannot be seene, as in those places, and after the manner as shall appeare heereafter plaine vnto you. It is not vnown but that the gorge of the *Hawke* is the first place and onely receptacle or harbor of such sustenance as shee alwaies takes to nourish her whole body withall, and is vnto her as a maine and cleane conduit, the which being filled with pure & cleare liquor, it is not tainted or made vnsauorie there, but let passe in due time further into smaller vessels, more fine then it was before, to serue for other vses : Euen so on the contrary it is with the *Hawke* ; for if her gorge be filled with stale and grosse colde meat, contrary to her naturall inclination, it will soone grow vnsauory there, and her stomacke will abhorre to entertaine it, and also the other more secret passages will be annoyed thereby, which will quickly turne to her destruction. As for example, I haue knowne divers *Hawkes* that hath died on this occasion, whose inward and inuisible infirmitie hath neuer beene mistrusted, but onely hath practised and wrought on the euel for remedie, neuerthelesse when shee hath beene opened, the very gorge hath beene like vnto chawke with the panell, and the next venting place into the small guts hath beene euene burnt & eaten with heat like vnto the Frownce, which was the cause her excrements wanted

free passage: all which proceede from such vn-naturall stale dict as the stomacke could not wel brooke, and were repugnant to their naturall disposition; for there is no such kinde of grosse feede giuen, although the gorge will with greedinesse receive it, yet afterwards the stomacke will be choyce and vnwilling to taste of it, as you may well perceiue when it hath beene kept so long as that it begins to waxe windie, sowre, & distastfull, and by the course of nature would faine be eased and emptied of some part thereof, which doth so much annoy and offend her; as you may see by her often writhing and striuing to remoue it, and put it downe into the pannell: and when she hath in some measure so done, through nature violent forcing, yet it is also therein so long detained, and unkindly digested, as that by vertue of it, shee doth not win to her selfe any naturall or kindly comfort; but otherwise euill imperfections and humours of moysture doth arise thereon, which ascends vp into the head, whereby all that part is molested: otherwise there is left downewards much un-naturall heate and oppilations or stoppings that infects the body and secret passages; whereupon this disease which we call the *Craye* doth proceed, with many others: Wherefore it behoueth euery man to respect his *Hawke* better, then at any time to cloye or clog her with such grosse and unkindly feeding, but otherwise with care to giue her her due as neere as hee may, according

Her stomacke.

according to her deserving and naturall disposition; withall further obseruing other such necessary courses belonging in due time and season, as I haue in many places appointed by prescriptions, and in so doing hee shall neuer haue neede to take care for eyther scouring or medicine, but shall euermore haue his *Hawke* according to his owne liking, full lofty and strong, well able to performe her busynesse after the best manner; whereas the other that shall be carelesse and forgetfull, & is well pleased if he may pamper her with any thing, and is as vnrespectiuue of other wants or needs appertaining: hee shall scaldome or neuer haue his *Hawke* perfect and healthfull, but euer out of tune and vnfitte to doe any thing; whereas before through ill dyet and disorder your *Hawke* caught this disease, so now on the contrary, and especially, by meanes of better vsage and good diet, with some other appliment, you must restore her to health againe: wherefore so soone as it is perceiued, you must remember that you are not onely to destroy and kill the *Craye* alone, but also such other euils as waites and partakes with that in the vanaturall working the poore *Hawkes* desolation, which is cold and moist, raw humours ascending vp into the head, and otherwise vnnatural heat and drowth, with oppillations or stoppings possessing the body and interior passages; all which ought to be particularly considered of, and your remedy prepared and applied

ed accordingly. Then first you must bethinke your selfe of her diet, that it may be of light and coole meates, easie to be digested, as of Hens flesh, Chickens, young Pigeons, Rabbets, new Sheepeſ-hearts, Porke, Pig of the shoulder and the heart: then must you prouide the sweetest fresh butter of the neweft gathering that may be, and boyle and ſcum it well with halfe a ſcore bruised cloues of mace in it; and when you haue ſo done, in the cooling put in a little of the powder of Rue, and ſo keepe it close in a boxe, and as often as you doe feed, anoint her meat therewith, the ofter the better, ſo that the gorges be eaie, according to the *Hawkes* abilitie, and the power of the infirmite: and for certaine, this will not faile onely to open and looſen the head, but also diſperſe those other humors in the bodie, and ſcower them away that was cauſe of the ſundrie diſeases. Now when you haue ſeen this buſineſſe thus well eſſected in the head by her countenance and other appearance there; and also that ſhee muteth and ſlices well from her againe, neuertheleſſe it may well be her head was but onely looſened, will haue ſome need alſo to be better purged, and clearely cleaſed. Like-wiſe for the body & inward paſſages, althoſh they were or are newly ſcoured, yet neuertheleſſe they may require ſome more laboř thereiñ, and alſo to be throughly cooled. Therefore, as you ſhall ſee cauſe, firſt in the head by ſnuſſing or ſniting, or any other ſigues, vſe the iuyce of *Dafies*.

Dafies or Sage, to cause her throw it forth the sooner; but if you perceiue the humour to continue neuerthelesse moist still, then put to the iuyce a little of the powder of dust of Brimstoneto drie it vp withall, and shee shall doe well. Likewise for the body and inward places, giue with her meate the distilled water of eyther Horehound or Woodbine, or the water of Barley, that I haue prescribed in my other booke, and shee shall be well, and her body moderately cooled, and in good temper againe.

CHAP. XXXI.

Of the Eye.

HE *Goshawke* as you know is a fierce spirited, & fast flying *Hawke* if she haue naturally a true loue and liking to her prey: and for that shee is most commonly vsed to flye through the hight of highest and thickest woods, where the game that shee best loues, most often vses; and because the eye and onely ornament of her body is her chiefe guide in those places, and is so deare and precious a Iewell vnto her, it were great pitty that it should miscarry or bee blemisht by any misfortune. Therefore fearing or misdoubting that any such euill accident should befall, I will shew you a sure medicineto amend it withall.

CHAP. XXXII.

*For the Eye that shall have any hurt by accident
or otherwise to grow upon it.*



Ake a thunderbolt, the which is found most commonly in the fields, in some channell or water-course, by which means it is there laid open from the earth, and is easily to be perceived, and put it into a hot fire and burne it well; then when it is cold againe, beat it to fine powder, and searee or sift it through a faire linnen cloath, then mingle it with sweet butter indifferently, and on any occasion put as much or the quantity of two little pins heads morning and euening into the *Hawkes eye*; and if any thing whatsoever will doe it good, this will not faile to doe the like.

Also you may at these times blow it into the eye with a straw, and it is as good, and will as speedily worke any thing forth, or recover any thing that is growing, or amisse in that place.

CHAP.

CHAP. XXXIII.

of the Hobby and the Marlion.

HOBBY.



MERLIN.



Here is yet this Cast of little *Hawkes*, the which I haue not so much as once named ; the one is belonging to the young man, the other pertaining to the Lady : and in my opinion are most equally matcht one with the other, in regard whereof, it were great pity they should bee parted ever, but euen fye for the prey by turnes together ; not you know where, I do not meane, for then the young man perforce must mount aloft indeed, at which the Lady would be as lowly displeased to see her *Marlion* so put downe in the lofty flight : But what do I meane

to skip so farre beyond my Art ? let mee curteously craue pardon and fauor, to leaue the Lady and her *Hawke* together, as birds with whom I never had, nor haue no skill to deale at all ; and withdraw the young man and his *Hobbie* Into the Champian fields, where he may be partaker of such sundry sorts of glee, As tongue can no way well expresse, or eye shall seldom see ; For there he may behold her, first as she is wilde, And see how she bestirs her, the silly birds for to beguilde : And also attends the *Falconer*, and his *Spaniels* as they range, As if shee were mard before, which is a thing most strange, That such a bird that never was in hand, Should wait so long, and stoop so oft, and never goe to stand. And furthermore, neither to bee serued, But so let goe without reward that hath so well deserued. Yet neverthelesse this louing *Hawke* will take no offence at all, But on the morrow next will as ready be to come when hee shall call : But to uncouple his *Spaniels* after his wonted guise,

Many a true labouring
sornat baib
been cast off
with a bunt-
ting that
hath deser-
ued a Larke
for his re-
ward.

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To spring the scared Partridge
that in the stubble lies :
Or else the mounting Larke,
which soone the *Hobbie* spies,
And beats from ground with all her might,
vp to the lofty skies ;
Which then for to behold,
no mirth you may compare,
Vnto the *Hobbie* and the Larke,
thus striuing in the ayre.
Vntill the harmelesse bird
being wearied with the flight,
Is forc't with clipped wings together,
to throw her selfe downe right.
Whereat the *Hawke* doth ioy,
and dallies by the way,
Yet long before they come to ground,
shee makes of her a prey.

For the Partridge, the *Haggart* of this kinde is
best, and may most certainly be made a speciall
Hawke for the same ; shee must bee taught and
trained in each degree like vnto the *Faucon* ; and
must bee carefull not to fyue her after eight a
clocke in the morning, especially if the Sunne
breake out in any heate ; for if you doe, shee will
fall to soiring and be lost, and must be sought vp
againe where shee was first taken. Also in the
afternoone you may begin at two, if the day be
temperate, and *Hawke* with her vntill it be neare
the setting of the Sunne ; but if shee be flone any
longer,

longer, she will likewise fall to dorring, and be lost, but otherwise with this obseruation and good order in her diet, shee will shewe her selfe a *Hawke* to please a Prince; for you may flye her twenty times in the afternoone, when no other *Hawkes* will flye but must be waited on: yet a little longer, then may you put her to it, as eyther to the Partridge, the quaile, the clot bird in the fallow fields which is a very fat and a dainty bird much like vnto the Martine, the Warwinckle, which is a pyed bird, and vses most in pastur-ground, or other champagne places, whereas growes great and tall bushes, one some place or distance from the other; whereas I haue scene an hundred stoopings vpon one of the same birds before it could be kild, which is most excellent sport, and full of delight; for if the bushes stands not some reasonable distance apart, the bird will be so terrified at the sight of the *Hobbie*, as you may almost take it with your hand, and when you thinke it meete, in the end you may kill it with a stone bow, and throw it to the *Hawke*. Also for the Larke I am not able with my pen to expresse the delight and passing pleasure that is in that flight, but indeede the *Eyas* is the very best for the mount; for after she hath but wrought three or fowre seceled Larkes and preyed on them, shee will never giue ouer, but worke into the high ayre after the Larke, so it be in a champagne and plain country; for here the policie and drift of the bird that nature hath taught

taught her, is, by being so exceeding high, and vpon a circle or wide turne of the *Habite*, to stretch away to some kinde of couert to shrowd and succour her selfe thereby, by which meanes sometimes they are preserued from their merci-lesse enemy, but more often are deceiued and doe lose their liues in the mid-way.

When you are disposed to haue one of these *Hawkes* to make to this flight, you must make your choyce of the formall, and take her from the nest a little before she is able to sit vpon the side of the same; then must you prouide and make another nest, and place it on some tree in eyther Orchard or Garden, where it may bee safe; and there shee must be fed by the man with bits giuen on the sharpe end of a sticke, vntill she be growne able to stand stiffeley on her legs, and to pull hard for the meate slike shall eate; at which time, as you shal further find her strength and ablenesse, the nest being no higher but that a man may well reach it, she must be taught by your Art and voyce in luring, to come to the lure from thence, if it be but a foote at a time at the first, and so afterward by degrees, as you doe finde her more stronger, to teach her to come further; and after this manner she must be tute-red vntill shee will come from the nest to your voyce so farre as shee can heare, and flye vpon you, attending still on her wings where you will haue her, and vntill you perceiue her to be full sound, when as you must haue your hood,

Iessebuites and bells, with other ornaments belonging to decke and furnish her withall; which being done, she must be made more gentle and acquainted with the hood, and carriage continually on the fist: then must you prouide some Larkes to traine her withall, but not one to bee seene come from the fist or hand, but hauing before kild two or three on the lure, let her goe at first from the hood to a trayne that must be in a creance of browne thred, and as high as a tall tree before you doe vnhood her to it. When as you shall finde her so apt and forward to that sport, as by that time shee hath but inioyed two or three after that manner, shee will goe to her businesse so willingly, and with such delight and pleasure, as it would euuen rauish the minde and sences of her keeper, or other spectator; then hauing thus well taught and trained her, afterward when you do not vse or flye her, you may suffer her to take her pleasure abroad both day and night continually, or as you shall see cause, alwaies remembryng that you feede her not at home for a while at the first, but otherwise by your lure or voyce to draw her abroad some quarter or halfe mile, and there feede and leaue her. And for certain, when she hath fed, feaked, and reioyced, shee will repaire sodainely backe to the place where she was bred vp by the man, and trained. Also, on resting daies when she is gorged, if you will obserue her, you shall see her vsually in the heat of the day to flye and soare

so high, as it will not be possible to view or behold her; by which meanes with her naturall education together, shee will bee as perfect in knowledge of the country, as the wilde *Haggart* her naturall damme that bred her, and you shall not need after to fear to lose or leaue her behind you any where within foure or fve miles, with her prey in her foote, but so soone as shee hath concluded, shee will returne to the place of her first training againe. And this course shee will hold most certaine and constantly vntill the weeke before Michaelmas, but no longer, and then shee will as her owne nature shall leade her, be gone, if you giue her any liberty, and trust her abroad.

But to return to the *Haggart*, as there be some of them excellent for this flight of high mounting, so likewise there are othersome that in their naturall vnderstanding and cunning will desire and seeke after aduantage, as to be high flowne on their wings, and from them, and after that manner to conquer their prey, but otherwise will not goe from the fist to the mowtie at all: also for their diet, it would bee of cleane wash'd mutton or such other like meate, when they flye not; for they be as hard *Hawkes* as any be, and must be stoned and set to a sound stomack when they shold flye. And so I will leaue them as the most rare and excellent birds of the world for the young mans vse, who cannot wel brook or endure to be tied to any certaintey, as to bee

limited or appointed by prescription, when or at what times he shal begin or end his sport and pleasure in Hawking.

Whereas altogether through the perswasion of my friends, I consented at first, though unwilling to vndertake this busynesse, euen so afterward, as vnauidedly and rashly, without any forelight, or consideration of the subiects I was to treat of, or ground whereon I might safely build my foundation, I haue laboured and trauelled a long time, vneasily, and with much wearines in my journey; neuerthelesse am now well refreshed and comforted that I wanded not from the line that was laid me, or the rough or rugged path that was likewise appointed to direct me: and therefore if I may with simple request perswade thee honest Reader, not to grudge at my good will, but censure better of mee, I shall hartily thanke thee for thy loue, and so I sit downe to rest mee.

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The Epilogue,

Wherein is contained the opinion of a worthy
Divine, S. I. and composed by himselfe, con-
cerning this and the like subiect.

SH. Hauke alwaies thought Hunting & Haw-
king, and the like exercises indifferent,
with zealous^a Deering, persuading my
selfe that the smelling of the Dogge, the
flying of the Hawke, the Antipathie a-
mongst the Creatures, how ever it was produced by the
fall of man, yet nevertheless that God in his mercy al-
loweth, & in his wise prouidence disposeth even of these
contrarieties and Antipathies, as well as of the Sympa-
thies of the creatures, for the good and use of man, his
Lieutenant & Vicegerent ouer the works of his hands.
And for Hunting, more specially it is my opinion (if not
iudgements) that ^b Isaack would not have tollerated, ^{b Genes. 12.}
much less commanded Esau hunting, if it had bin sin-
full. Secondly, it is lawfull to kill the Creature in Chri-
stian liberty, Deere or Hare, or the like, for meat or me-
dicine: yea so to kill them: as they may be most usefull &
befooful for man, which is done better by chase or
course, then either by Gins or shooting (as experiance
shewes:) and (as some scrupulously obiect) this is not to
tyrannize ouer the creature, in putting it by continuall
of chase or course, to a more lasting paine, but rather so
lessem (even as he that dies by degrees in a consumption,
or that bleeds to death, dies more easily then hee that
bourn with a sword, as Samuel did Agag, al at once:) ^{c 1 Sam. 13. 33. 4.}

the ground being the legitimation of this exercise, ^d as
many arguments may conuince, if it should be contradic-
ted (the circumstances of time, place, persons, dñe, and
truly obserued): now because these exercises are grossly
and sinfully abused by many loose & licentious persons,

^a In the begin-
ning of his Le-
ctures vpon the
Hebreus.

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that obserue no circumstances (which vsually make or marre the actions) they vsing it most that stand least need; in respect of any calling or imployement they haue, or undertake, to wearie their spirits, or spend their boode or braine, hauing their hearts so taken vp, and affections intangled with it, as they spend and mispend their golden and pretious time, two or three whole daies in a weeke, making recreation halfe, if not all their vocation, trade, and occupation, turning all their meate into sauce, yea the Sabbath it selfe, which shoulde be dedicated to God and good duties, being prophane and polluted by the discourses of their chases and courses with their hounds and horses, or carriuers; I say, because such idle libertines doe abuse this honest and harmelesse exercise, as it bath ever beane accounted, ^ may it not therefore be lawfully and consciencably vsed with moderation by a Magistrate, or Minister, or Lawyer, or Student, or any other seriously imployed, which in any function beat their braines, wast their bodies, weaken their strength, weary their spirits; that as ameanes (and blessing from God) by it their decayed strength may be restored, their vitall and animall spirits quickned, refreshed, and reuised; their health preserued, and they better enabled (as above unbended for shooting) to the discharging of these weighty charges imposed upon them. Who will denie this, but eyther those that are blockisly ignorant, ignorantly or blindly zealous, viciously profane, splenitively malicious, or critisically, if not hypocritically censorious? that will be taxing and condemning, and shooting their bruta fulmina, foolish Bolts, as madde men their darts, against those whom they hate or emulate, whether there be cause or no.

10 M A R C H

FIN I S.

*ad Romanum solent
me viru opus, v-
tis fame, viagis
& membris, &c.
Horace.*

*Lege Natalem Co-
missum de venatione
fusculi physiologi*

